CGP 2.0 Domain Allocator Interview Summary: allthecolors
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- *What is your USP (skill set)?*
I bring a combination of skills and experience that are likely to be complementary, rather than duplicative, to those of the other domain allocators:

- 10 years' experience with competitive grant-writing, peer review, and post-award management as a funded researcher in the physical sciences, including government-sourced and private foundation funding
- Broad – though likely shallower than some of the other domain allocators – knowledge of Compound at the protocol, governance, and social levels
- Strong data analytics skills; working knowledge of Solidity, associated dev tools and infrastructure (sufficient to contribute to Aztec's forthcoming Compound V2 bridge)
- Track record of active participation in Compound governance and support (e.g. assisting devs with questions integrating with the protocol through the Discord server)
- Recipient of a CGP 1.0 grant for early user analytics, affording me direct insight into the CGP 1.0 model strengths and weaknesses

- *What is your unfair advantage when it comes to your network and access?*

- Regarding my network, I am active in a variety of DAOs within and beyond the DeFi vertical, typically as a user and contributor to governance discussions. Of greatest relevance to the domain allocator role:
    - I am an official delegate for the Euler DAO, which helps me more deeply understand the challenges and opportunities in the money market protocol space.
    - Other relevant DAOs in the Ethereum ecosystem in which I'm a known entity include Ampleforth, Optimism, UMA, Balancer, and (formerly) Barnbridge, an asset tranching protocol integrated with Compound for its Smart Yield contracts.
    - Taking an interest in governance models beyond Ethereum and EVM-compatible dApps extends the reach of my crypto network into areas likely to be complementary to other domain allocators. I participate in governance on several Tendermint chains including Cosmos, Secret, Akash, and Juno; and even some UTXO chains with governance capabilities, including Syscoin, Haven, and QRL.

- How will you source applications?

- Recruiting applications is likely to be a greater challenge in CGP 2.0 than it was in CGP 1.0 because CGP 1.0 coincided with DeFi summer and public attention has been split across multiple competing narratives (L2s, options & derivatives, metaverse…)
- First and foremost, I would advocate for a collaborative approach to application sourcing with other domain allocators so that CGP 2.0 has a unified outward brand and communication style.
- If funds are provided for domain allocators to source applications, the highest impact use of the funds would be to advertise the program through high-visibility EVM-centric media outlets. Bankless is probably the most prominent example, but there are plenty of other creators on Twitter, Youtube, Lens protocol, etc. whose audiences are wide and include developers and creatives who may bring promising ideas to CGP 2.0.

- If funds are not available, I would suggest a similar approach to the above but with an emphasis on protocols, media outlets that center on regenerative cryptoeconomics, DeFi education, and public goods funding. Compound-allied developers with significant public stature could also help us spread the word if we approach them about it constructively.
- Either way, direct outreach with allied protocols and protocols that have already integrated with Compound V2 may create interesting leads. For example, protocols with a native stablecoin, such as Synthetix or Qi Dao, may be interested in sharing sponsorship for deploying a Compound III contract with their stablecoin as the borrowable asset.
- A challenge that we will need to overcome in advertising for CGP 2.0 is the perception that Compound is a stodgy OG compared to many of the shiny new protocols with low-market-cap tokens that are natural magnets for developers seeking their next opportunity. Here, we can lean into the innovations that make Compound III even more of a fundamental DeFi lego than the V2 protocol, emphasizing the magnitude of the design space opened up by going multichain with a protocol that could rationally have multiple deployments on each chain.

- Time commitment?
- If selected as a domain allocator, I am prepared to set aside the articulated 15 hours per week for 24 weeks per year. I expect I can reply to prospective applicant questions typically within 48 hours, though I may need up to 96 hours in rare cases. Application intake and initial feedback, e.g. requests for further information, can likely be turned around in 1 week unless I need to consult with another domain allocator, e.g. for projects at a boundary between our pre-defined domains.
- Given my schedule, it would be easiest for me to accommodate this by conducting roughly half of the work over the summer (e.g. 180 hours between late June and late September) and the other half spread over the remaining nine months. In practice, this would likely mean conducting most of the preparatory work, including copy for application sourcing and identifying leads, during the summer, while carrying out the application intake and review process throughout the year.

- More or links to your background

- Aside from my Github and Twitter accounts linked above, I would encourage anyone looking to learn more about the nature of my contributions to DAO governance to review my input on the following DAO Discourse forums:
    - https://www.comp.xyz/u/allthecolors/activity
    - https://forum.euler.finance/u/allthecolors/activity
    - https://forum.barnbridge.com/u/allthecolors/summary
- I have preferred to stay pseudonymous in DeFi DAOs to separate my activity as a physical scientist from my activity in DeFi, which makes it difficult to share my technical background beyond the work I have done for CGP 1.0 and the Aztec protocol. Instead I will share without evidence that I have peer-reviewed 90+ manuscripts in my discipline; accrued over $1M in external funding for my research group; and teach undergraduate courses with titles like “Computational Chemistry” and “Advanced Energy Science”. (Hopefully someday we'll have ZK proofs reach the stage of maturity where I could prove these statements to you without doxxing myself, but we aren't quite there yet!)