

# Governance Overview

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# Overview

Archway's governance model is a crucial component because it controls how the platform is administered and updated. Blockchain governance is essential for the technology's success since it guarantees the network's safety, transparency, and longevity. The success of any decentralized platform depends on stakeholder participation and cooperation, which can be fostered by a well-designed governance architecture. Archway is designed to facilitate a decentralized governance structure. Archway's mission is to gradually increase the decentralization through governance frameworks. Governance will be iterative and will be driven by the community.

No one person owns or controls the Archway protocol, but decisions still need to be made about implementing changes to best ensure the longevity and prosperity of the network.

## Who is involved?

There are various stakeholders in the Archway community each playing a role in the governance process. While there are many here are a few important ones:

- **ARCH holders:** these individuals hold ARCH token(s)
- **Dapp Users:** these individuals interact with the dapps and tooling built on Archway blockchain
- **Dapp/Tooling Developers:** these individuals build dapps that run on the Archway blockchain (e.g. DeFi, NFTs, Tooling, DAOs etc.)
- **Validators:** these individuals are responsible for verifying new blocks and adding them to the chain to earn rewards
- **Protocol/Core Developers:** these individuals build out the core protocol and maintain the various Archway implementations
- **Archway Foundation:** acts as a steward for the development of the Archway Protocol. Adopts and implements community decisions via Archway governance.

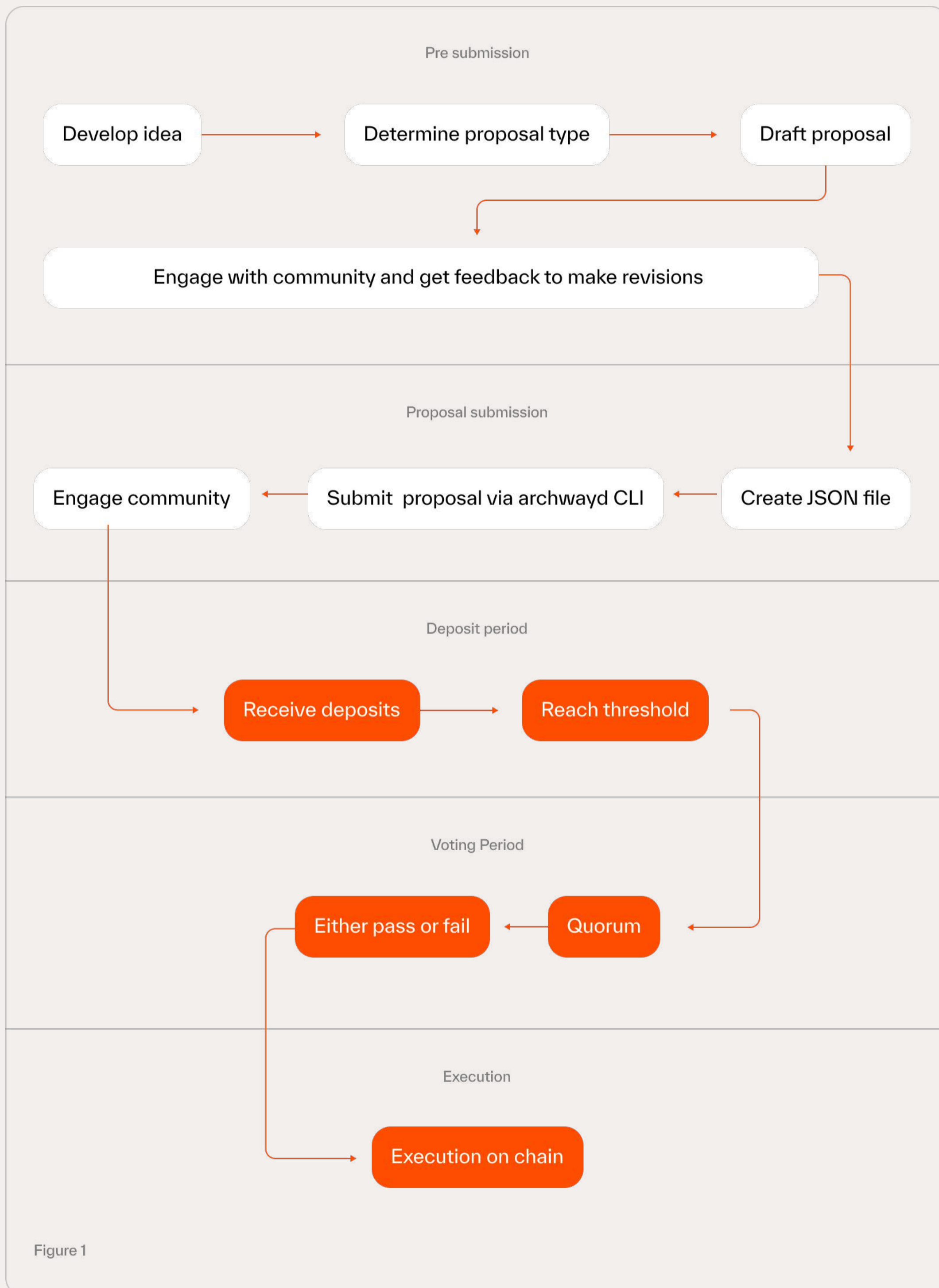
*Note: any individual can be part of multiple of these groups*

Governance discussions happen in a number of places moderated by diverse community members, including:

- [Twitter](#)
- [Discord](#)
- [Discourse](#)
- [Reddit](#)

And anywhere else you might interact with members of the Archway community.

# The Governance Process



To find the full on chain proposal process and step-by-step please refer to our governance documentation [here](#).

