Step 1: Campuses/Clusters for 2016
1. You may only apply to one campus
2. You may select a 1st and 2nd choice cluster
3. Some clusters have prerequisites
4. Refer to each campus website for specific cluster information.
   - UC Davis: cosmos.ucdavis.edu
   - UC Irvine: cosmos.uci.edu
   - UC San Diego: cosmos.ucsd.edu
   - UC Santa Cruz: cosmos.ucsc.edu

Step 2: Online Application
1. The online application will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete.
   - Use your legal name on all application materials.
2. You will be asked to respond to two short answer questions. Your responses are VERY important; invest time and effort in them.
   1. What excites you about math and/or science, and why would you want to spend a month in COSMOS?
   2. Describe a project or experience that furthered your interest in a specific math/science topic.
   Type your short answer responses in a word document first so that you can spell check, and do a word count, then simply cut and paste them into your online application.
3. Make sure you use a valid e-mail address before beginning. You will need it for the online application process. It will also be how we communicate with you!
4. You will be asked to submit the names and emails of 2 Math and/or Science teachers whom you’ve asked to complete an online Recommendation Form on your behalf. An email will be sent directly to them with instructions.
   - No paper recommendations will be accepted!
   - Please enter your teacher’s email addresses VERY carefully. Ask your teachers to check their junk mail if they do not receive the request.
   - Check back with teachers to make sure they complete your request BEFORE the deadline.
5. The online application will close February 19, 2016 at 5pm!
   - Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

Step 3: Supporting Documents
The following must be sent in hard copy to the campus you are applying to:
1. Confirmation Page - Automatically generated when the application is complete. Must be signed by both applicant and parent/guardian.
2. $30 Application Fee - Pay online, or mail a Check or Money Order made payable to "UC Regents" with applicant's name in the memo field. No cash. Non-refundable. This fee cannot be waived.
3. Official Transcript(s) - Transcripts must be confidential and sealed. There must be a seal and/or signature over the closure of the envelope!
   8th graders: submit copies of 7th and 8th grade report cards. 9th graders: submit copies of 8th grade report cards plus official High School transcripts. 10th graders and above all high school transcripts including Fall 2015.
4. Financial Assistance - to be considered for Financial Assistance you must complete the Financial assistance application with copies of your parents TANF benefits or 2015 Federal taxes by February 19, 2016!
5. All Items must be Postmarked by February 19, 2016!