

## Governor's Honors Program

### 2020 Agricultural Science, Biotechnology, and Research Interview Preparation

#### Interview:

- Semifinalists will answer carefully prepared questions, presented by interviewers, to determine the semifinalist's intellect, choices, habits, plans, ambitions and knowledge of agricultural science. Semifinalists must be prepared to discuss their previous experiences in agricultural science as well as research, their current knowledge level, plans for the future, and their expectations for a rigorous program of this nature.
- Semifinalists are expected to dress in a professional manner appropriate for an interview. *Note: 4H, FFA competition, or any official uniform or dress is not necessary.*
- Semifinalists should anticipate being on site at least 2 hours.

#### Performance Task:

- Semifinalists will have **60 minutes** to complete a written performance task, the prompt for which will be provided on the day of.
- Semifinalists are expected to utilize information and/or data from approved peer-reviewed articles to complete the written performance task. *Semifinalists will receive these articles, detailed below, by email before the interview day.*
- The constructed written response will be evaluated on 1) appropriate use of information and/or data, 2) overall organization of thoughts, and 3) grammar. Proper **intext and resource citations are required.**

Semifinalists may bring annotations (highlighting, underlining, etc.) of each of the below articles to the interview performance task. *Note: Any semblance of a constructed response or summaries will not be allowed in the performance task room.*

1. Grossman, M.R. 2019. USDA and FDA Formal Agreement on Regulation of Cultured Meat. *European Food and Feed Law*: 14(4):385-389
2. Karmee, S.K. 2015. Liquid biofuels from food waste: Current trends, prospect and limitation. *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Review*: 53:945-953.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rser.2015.09.041>
3. Sassenrath, G.F. 2008. Technology, complexity and change in agricultural production systems. *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*: 23(4): 285-295.  
[doi:10.1017/S174217050700213X](https://doi.org/10.1017/S174217050700213X)

#### Simulation:

- Semifinalists will be given a task to explain and/or perform while answering questions from judges. The simulation experience may include other semifinalists.
- *No prior materials or preparation will be required for the simulation.*

**The use of electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, projectors, etc.) is prohibited during all parts of the interview process. Possession of these devices will result in disqualification.**