How to get Personal Statement experience in lockdown



Don't let lockdown stop you from boosting your personal statement!

Here is a list of some free activities that you can complete from the comfort of your own home that will look great on your personal statement. These can be used to learn more about your subject, demonstrate your subject knowledge or to show off your skills. Remember to keep a record of everything you complete so that when the time comes you will remember and how this relates to the course you are applying for.

If you would like more support with writing your personal statement, check out Royal Holloway's 60 second video and our more detailed online resources.

All subjects

Watch TED talks—inspiring presentations about a huge variety of topics

Find a MOOC—there are thousands of courses on Futurelearn or Coursera

Listen to Podcasts —lots of options available on BBC Podcasts as well as Spotify or Apple

Wider reading is very important—try searching Google Scholar to find academic articles about your subject of interest

Look into online taster days and summer schools hosted by various universities

Volunteering and Work Experience

Help support vulnerable children around the world by volunteering to complete a 'Quarantine Quest' with Child.org—you just need an internet connection

Help conservation efforts by tagging wild animals though ZSL

Transcribe historical documents for the Imperial War Museum from home.

Be part of an online team investigates human rights violations with Amnesty International

Search for online work experience opportunities with Springpod.

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Subject Related Experience

Business and Management

Explore the Taking the Biz Youtube channel

Learn about successful marketing campaigns with the Marketing over Coffee podcast

Take part in the online accounting challenge BASE

Enter the Young Financial Journalist competition

Engineering, Physics and Maths

See the wonders of physics at home with experiments from the Institute of Physics

Undertake a fun engineering project with the Royal Academy of Engineering

Programme your own storytelling environment at alice.org

Humanities

Look through the British Museum's 'Museum of the World' interactive history timeline

Attend a virtual talk on any number of topics hosted by the Historical Association

Write a short story using one of the prompts suggested by The Write Practice

Submit an entry for the Association of Language Learning's Express Yourself challenge

Law and Social Sciences

Watch a mock criminal trail from start to finish by BBC Young Legal Eagles

Take a 360 degree virtual tour of Parliament without leaving your home

Try The Economist's The Intelligence podcasts for analysis of current economic events

Life Sciences and the Environment

Explore the Natural History Museum from home.

Think you can help save our planet? Submit a project to the Junior Water Prize

Undertake an online experiment studying rocks, meteorites and moon rocks with the Open Science Laboratory

Become a scientist and get involved in research projects with Zooniverse

Performing and Digital Arts

Watch stage shows for free online by checking out the current list from WhatsOnStage

Take a virtual tour of the London Design Museum

Submit a short film for the Film of the Month competition run by IntoFilm