

Films without Walls is a project conceived by Lucy Gebre-Egziabher, Professor of Cinema at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), Alexandria campus. In 2015, she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to go teach Cinema in Ethiopia. When she returned to NOVA, she decided to link up her Ethiopia film students with her NOVA Alexandria, Film students so that they can collaborate on a film project. She gave both sides parameters for the film project and let them work on it together. The result was, in addition to a poignant film ([Final Exam](#)), a learning experience that took place through this art form: cinema.

Students from very different places in the world, reached out to each other, came up with creative solutions to communicate and researched about each other's' reality. At the end, they both learned about and appreciated each other.

Promoting understanding across geographic boundaries through cinema is the spirit of this project. We are having talks with various international educational institutions about partnering on such projects. Prof. Lucy G/E's dream is each year to form partnerships with film students from various educational institution around the world and collaborate on film projects.