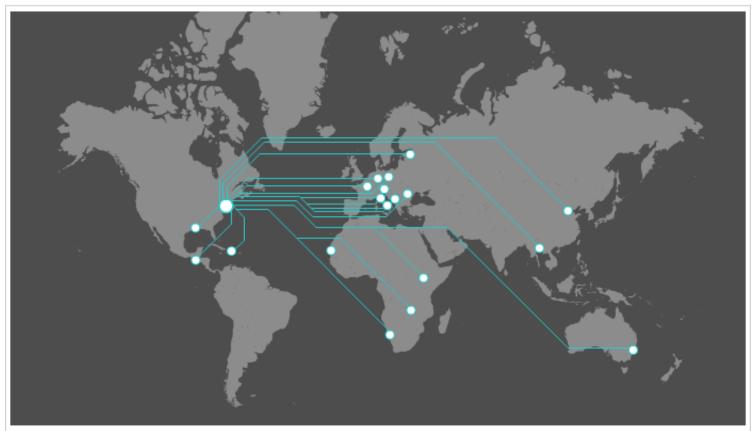
# **About Parsons**

A pioneer in art and design education since its founding in 1896, Parsons has cultivated outstanding artists, designers, scholars, businesspeople, and community leaders for more than a century. Today, when design thinking is increasingly being employed to solve complex global problems, Parsons is leading new approaches to art and design education.

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#### PARSONS IN THE WORLD

An international outlook has always been a key ingredient of Parsons' success. In 1921, Parsons became the first art and design school in the United States to establish a campus abroad. Today you can study with our growing network of exchange partners in Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

Parsons embraces project-based curricula as well as global perspectives, offering intensive workshops and courses whose objectives range from improving waterborne transportation between villages in Thailand to developing sportswear collections for Chinese markets.

At Parsons, a diverse community of students develops critical thinking skills and applies them to challenges ranging from environmental degradation to physical accessibility and humanitarian crises. Through a network of interconnected design laboratories, students explore global phenomena at multiple sites and scales of engagement, from on-campus research initiatives to partnerships that affect change in New York and around the world.

## **FACULTY MENTORS**

Throughout their journey, Parsons students benefit from instruction and mentorship by some of the most accomplished artists, designers, architects, photographers, illustrators, scholars, and critics in the world. Under the guidance of this renowned faculty, they learn to weave together different areas of expertise to radically rethink their fields.

## AN EMPHASIS ON COLLABORATION

Although Parsons provides the tools to master a single discipline, the practical knowledge students acquire and the collaborative methods they learn can be applied in a variety of contexts.

All of these possibilities befit Parsons' tradition of challenging conventions, anticipating trends, and improving the world--a tradition embodied by Parsons alumni, who lead their fields by creating art and design that matters.

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