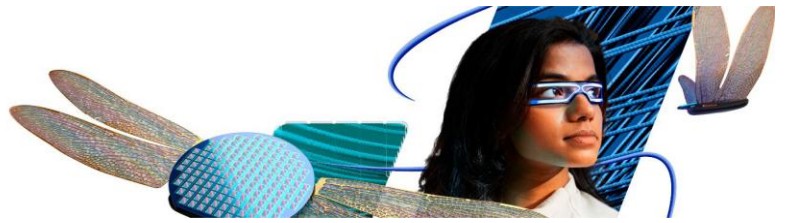


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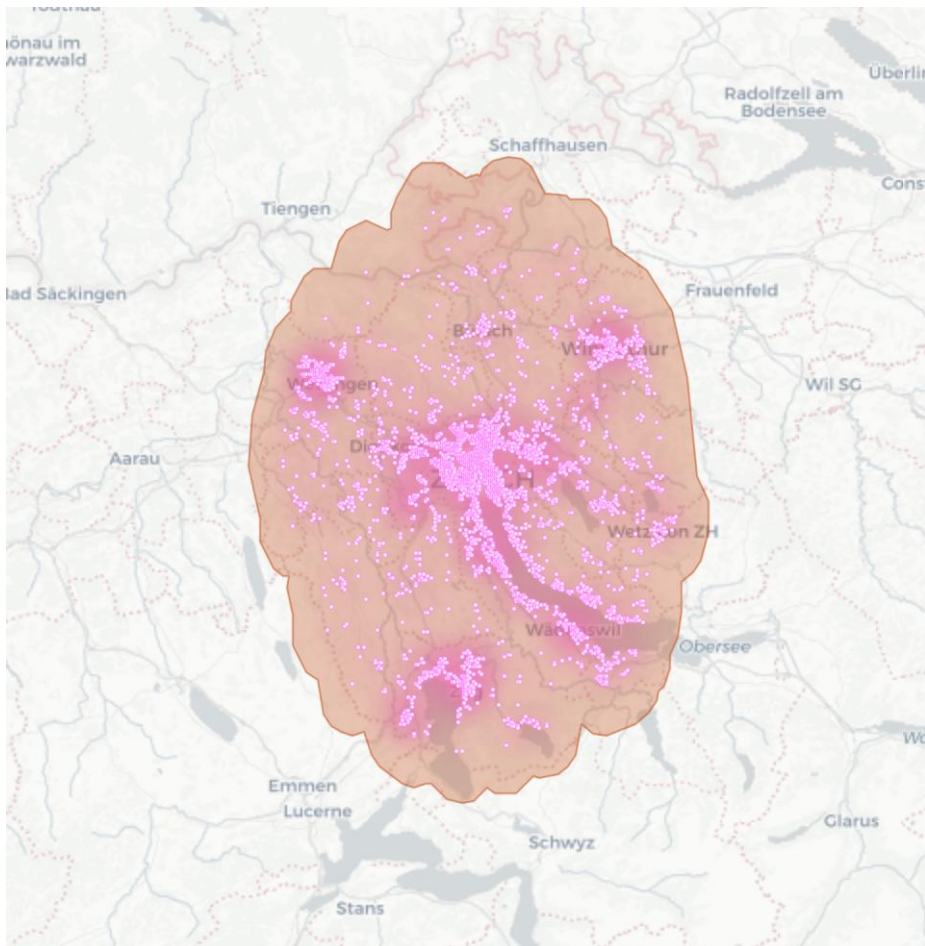


Zürich, Switzerland

Zürich is the only cluster within Switzerland that falls within the top 100 innovation clusters in 2026. Over the most recent five-year period, the cluster accounted for, on a fractional basis, **4,031 PCT applications** and **23,704 scientific articles**, as well as **1,491 venture capital deals**, making it:

40th in the World's Top 100 Innovation Cluster Rankings for 2026

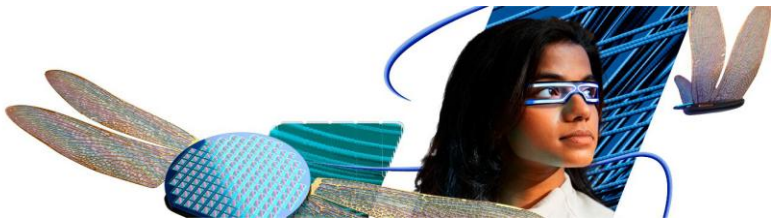
(Also the 13th innovation cluster by intensity)



Note: Points represent the location of an inventor, author, or VC deal. Map created with Leaflet. Map data © OpenStreetMap contributors, © CARTO
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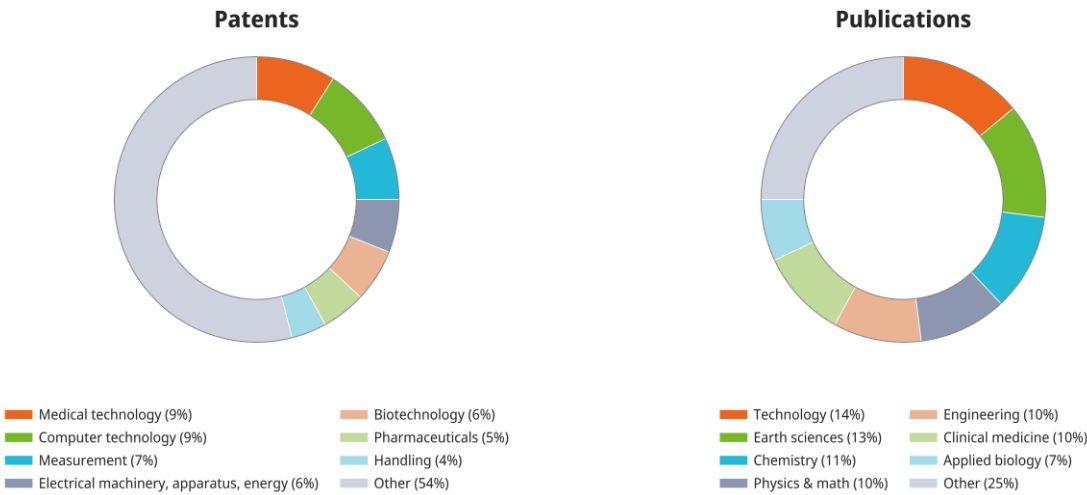
Top PCT applicants

		Patents ²	Share
1	ETH ZURICH	180	4%
2	SIKA	139	4%
3	IBM	134	3%

Top publishing organizations

		Articles ²	Share
1	ETH ZURICH	5,881	40%
2	UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH	4,107	28%
3	ETH DOMAIN	1,104	8%

Top technology fields in Zürich



59% of Zürich's PCT patent applications are filed in collaboration with other inventors located outside the cluster, with **Basel**, **San Jose–San Francisco** and **Bern** emerging as the top collaborative locations.

84% of Zürich's scientific articles are published in collaboration with other organizations located outside the cluster, with the top three collaborating locations being **Bern**, **London** and **Paris**.

Estimated cluster population		2,030,138			
Innovation Metric	Five-year total (#)			With multiple inventors/authors (#)	
	Unique count ¹	Fractional count ²	Per 1 million inhabitants	Total	External collaborator(s)
PCT applications	6,006	4,031	1,985	5,060	3,572
Scientific publications	58,529	23,704	11,676	57,576	49,332
Venture capital deals	1,491	n/a	734	n/a	n/a

1 Distinct count of patents/articles involving local inventors/authors (non-additive). 2 Sum of fractional shares based on local inventor/author counts, preventing double-counting.

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