Global Innovation Index 2026
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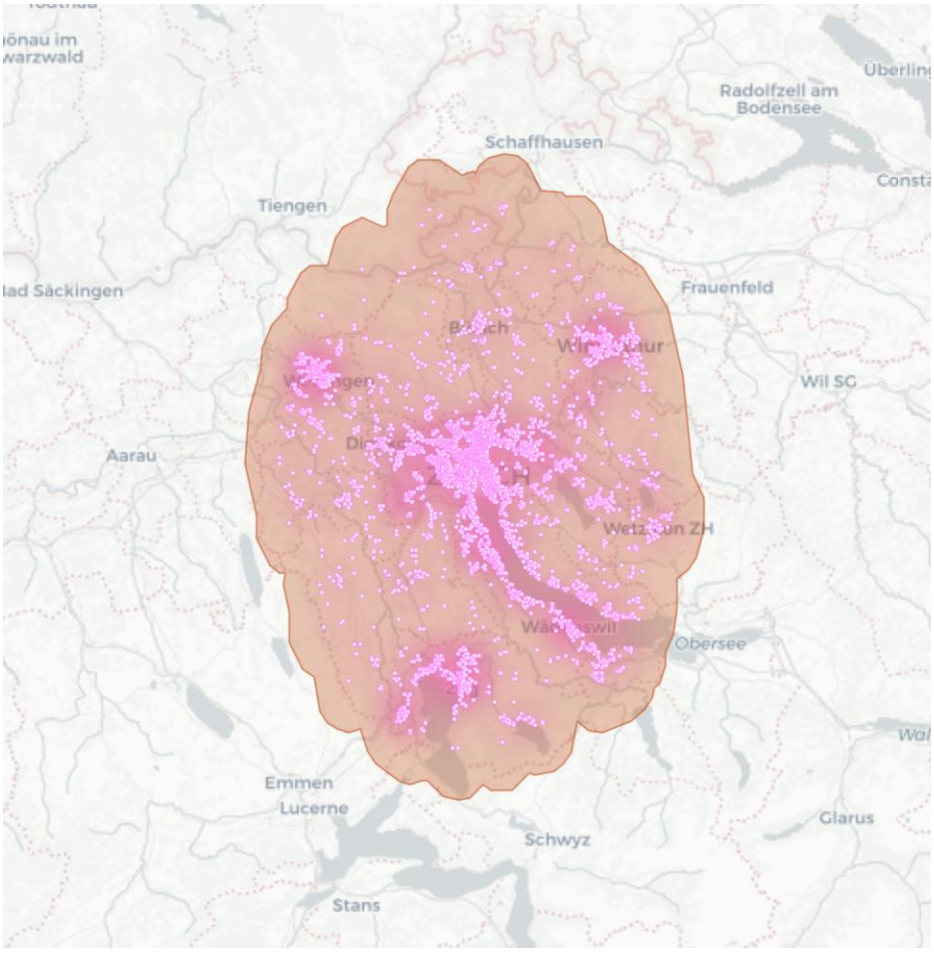
Zürich, Switzerland

Zürich is the only cluster within Switzerland that falls within the top 100 innovation clusters in 2026. Over the most recent five-year period, this cluster filed a total of **6,006 PCT applications**, published **58,529 scientific articles** and had **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)



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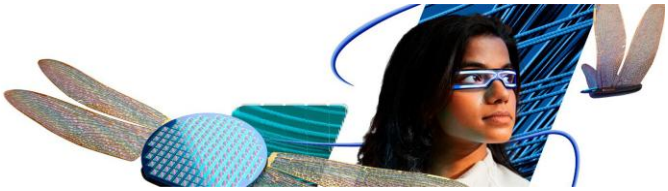


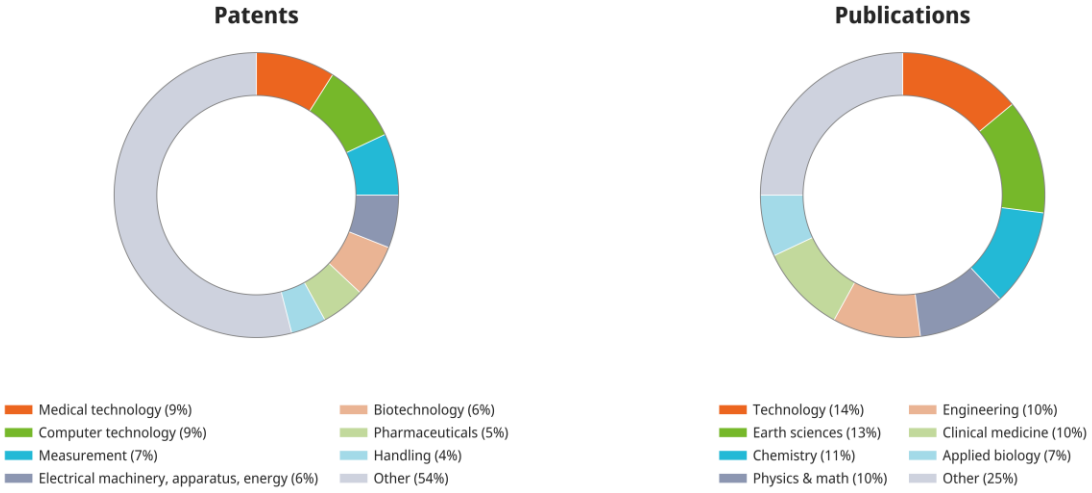
Top PCT applicants

		Patents	Share
1	EIDGENOSSISCHE TECHNISCHE HOCHSCHULE ZURICH	180	4%
2	SIKA TECHNOLOGY AG	139	4%
3	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION	134	3%

Top publishing organizations

		Articles	Share
1	ETH ZURICH	5,881	40%
2	UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH	4,107	28%
3	SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGY 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 (#)			Collaborative outputs (#)	
	Unique count	Fractional count	Per 1 million inhabitants	Total	Outside cluster
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