Global Innovation Index 2026
Powering entrepreneurs at the frontier of science

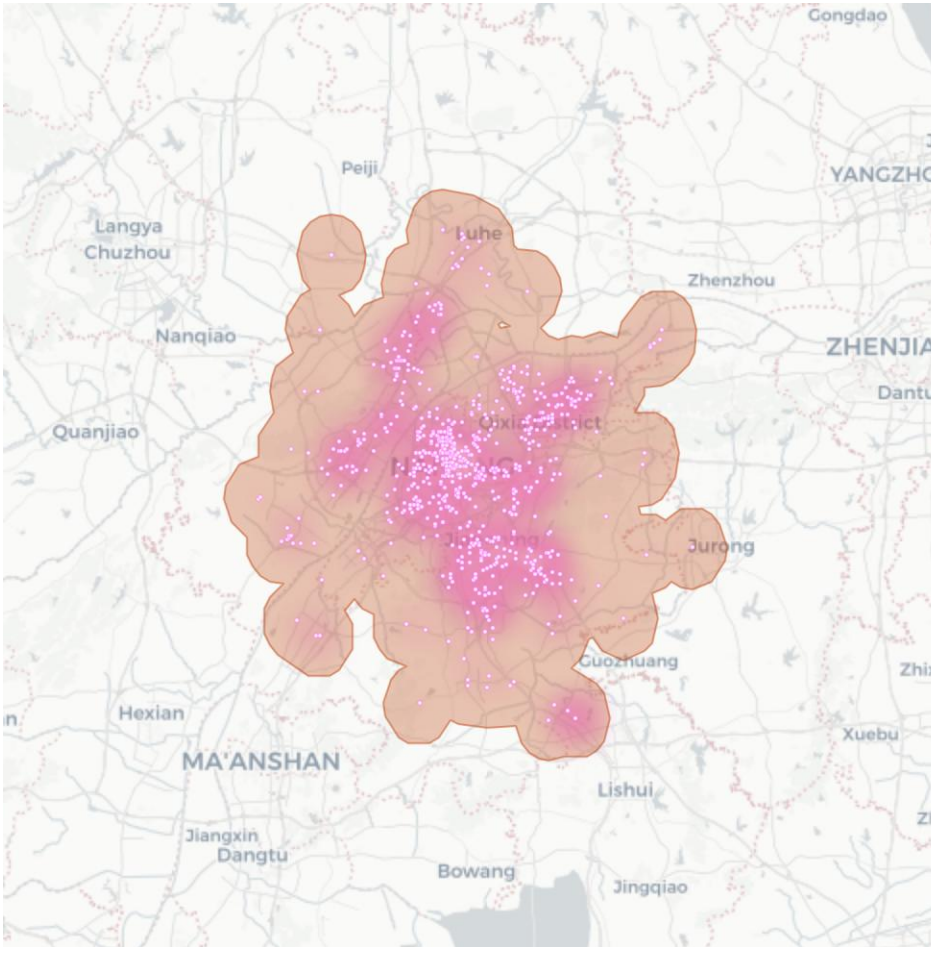


Nanjing, China

Nanjing is the fifth-ranked cluster, out of 25 Chinese clusters, that falls within the top 100 innovation clusters in 2026. Over the most recent five-year period, this cluster filed a total of **8,527 PCT applications**, published **246,599 scientific articles** and had **1,440 venture capital deals**, making it:

15th in the World's Top 100 Innovation Cluster Rankings for 2026

(Also the 34th innovation cluster by intensity)



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

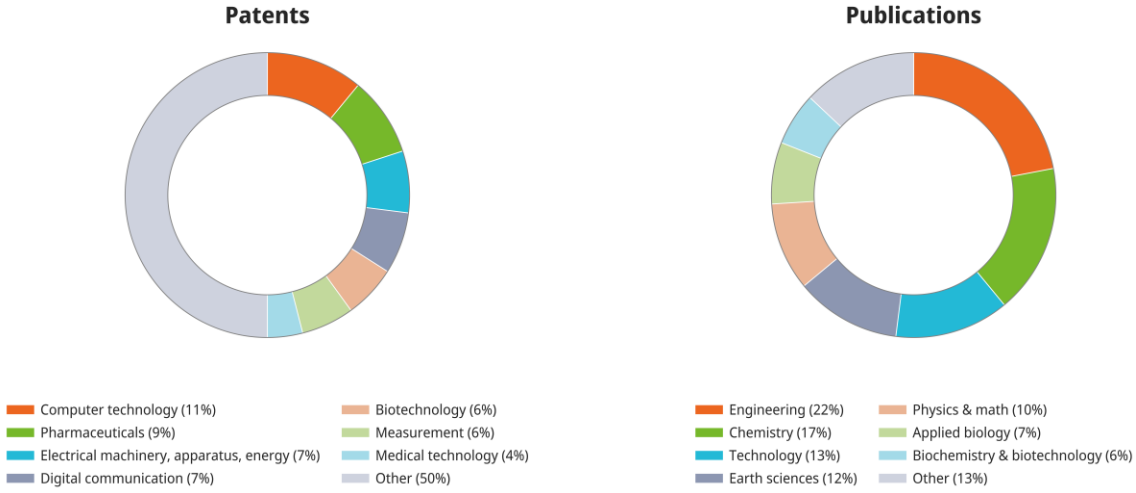
		Patents	Share
1	SOUTHEAST UNIVERSITY	501	6%
2	NANJING CHERVON INDUSTRY CO., LTD.	250	3%
3	NANJING UNIVERSITY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS	231	3%

Top publishing organizations

		Articles	Share
1	SOUTHEAST UNIVERSITY - CHINA	16,180	15%
2	NANJING UNIVERSITY	11,929	11%
3	NANJING UNIVERSITY OF AERONAUTICS & ASTRONAUTICS	7,956	7%



Top technology fields in Nanjing



13% of Nanjing's PCT patent applications are filed in collaboration with other inventors located outside the cluster, with **Shanghai–Suzhou**, **Beijing** and **Shenzhen–Hong Kong–Guangzhou** emerging as the top collaborative locations.

70% of Nanjing's scientific articles are published in collaboration with other organizations located outside the cluster, with the top three collaborating locations being **Beijing**, **Shanghai–Suzhou** and **Shenzhen–Hong Kong–Guangzhou**.

Estimated cluster population	9,246,666

Innovation Metric	Five-year total (#)			Collaborative outputs (#)	
	Unique count	Fractional count	Per 1 million inhabitants	Total	Outside cluster
PCT applications	8,527	7,882	852	7,457	1,146
Scientific publications	246,599	149,715	16,191	244,713	171,576
Venture capital deals	1,440	n/a	156	n/a	n/a