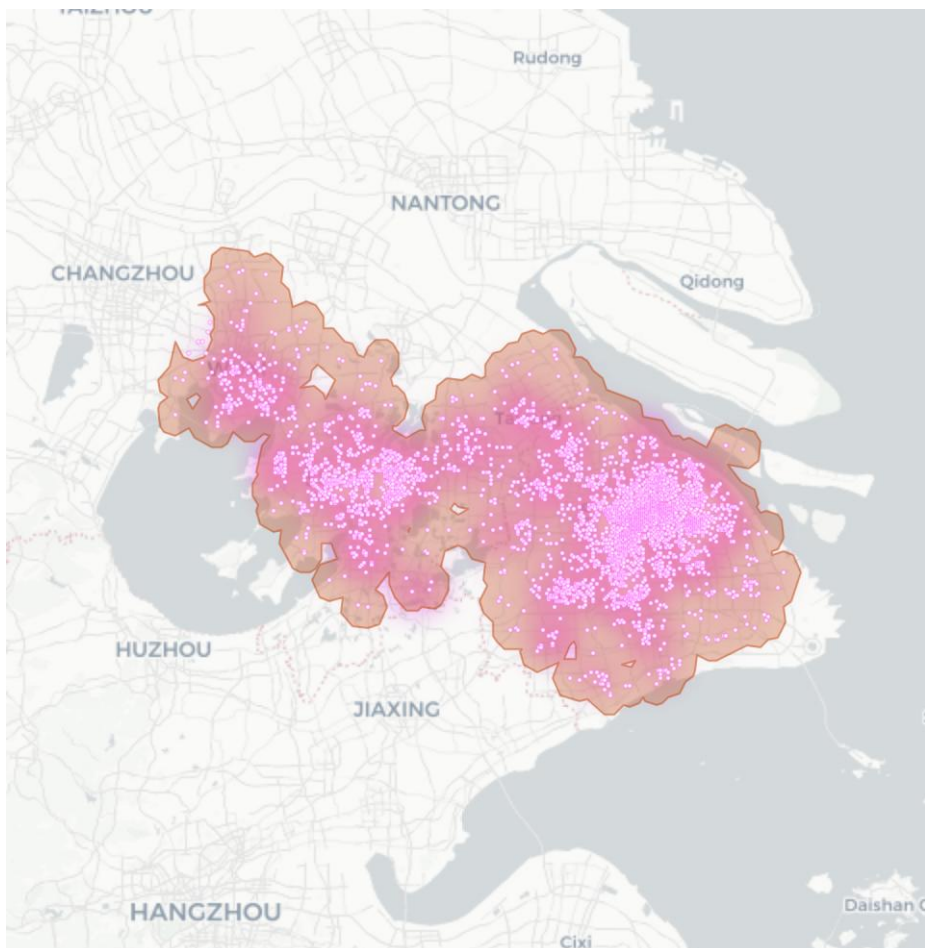


Shanghai–Suzhou, China

Shanghai–Suzhou is the third-ranked cluster, out of 25 Chinese clusters, 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, **45,295 PCT applications** and **227,284 scientific articles**, as well as **9,451 venture capital deals**, making it:

6th in the World's Top 100 Innovation Cluster
Rankings for 2026

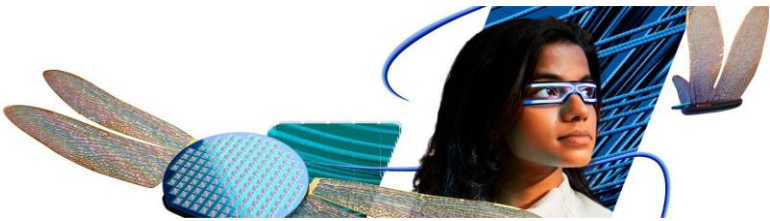
(Also the 58th innovation cluster by intensity)



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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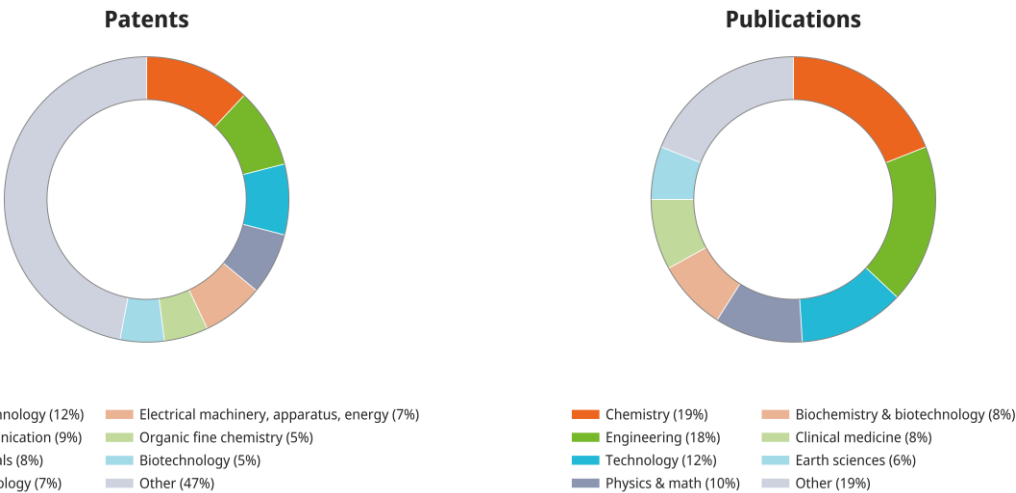
Top PCT applicants

		Patents ²	Share
1	SOOCHOW UNIVERSITY	928	2%
2	METABRAIN	729	2%
3	SPREADTRUM	647	1%

Top publishing organizations

		Articles ²	Share
1	SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY	30,561	20%
2	FUDAN UNIVERSITY	17,402	11%
3	TONGJI UNIVERSITY	15,603	10%

Top technology fields in Shanghai-Suzhou



15% of Shanghai-Suzhou's PCT patent applications are filed in collaboration with other inventors located outside the cluster, with **Beijing**, **Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou** and **San Jose-San Francisco** emerging as the top collaborative locations.

68% of Shanghai-Suzhou's scientific articles are published in collaboration with other organizations located outside the cluster, with the top three collaborating locations being **Beijing**, **Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou** and **Nanjing**.

Estimated cluster population		47,978,460			
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	49,171	45,295	944	41,296	7,469
Scientific publications	377,015	227,284	4,737	374,573	256,595
Venture capital deals	9,451	n/a	197	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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