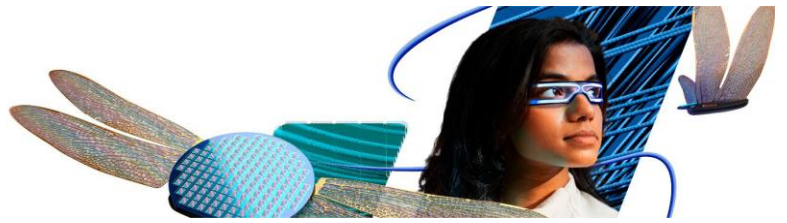


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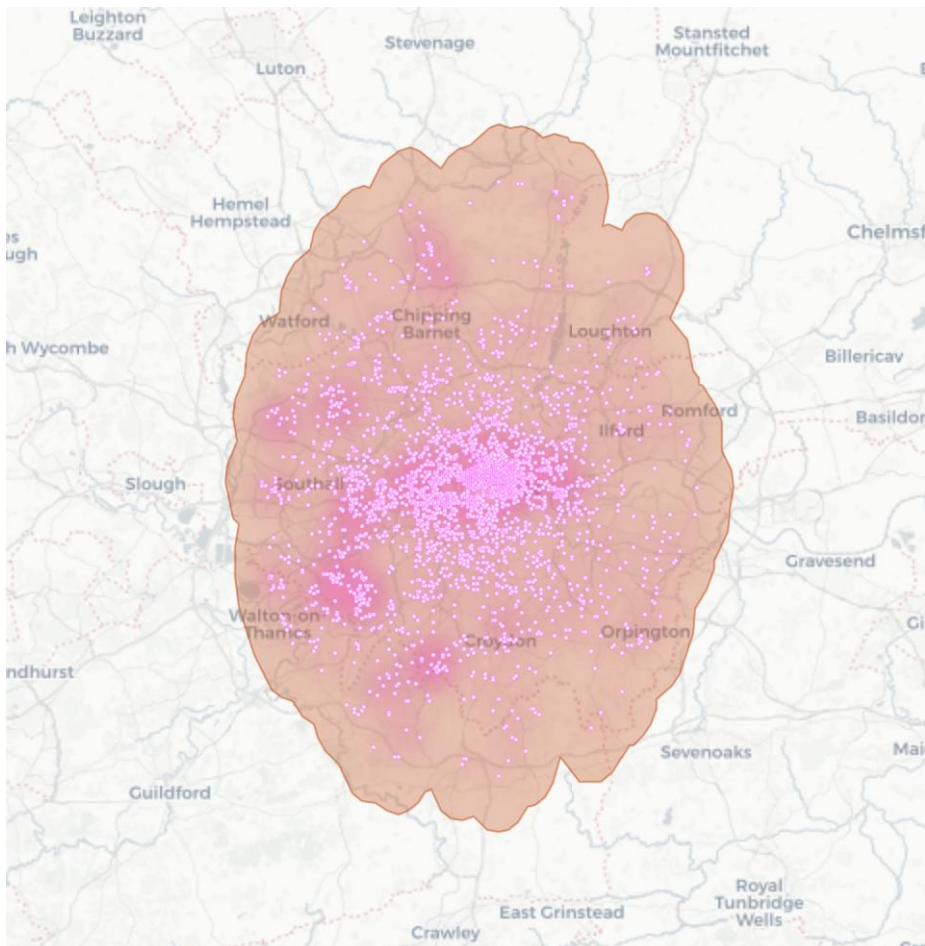


## London, United Kingdom

London is the top-ranked cluster, out of 4 British 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, **7,360 PCT applications** and **55,930 scientific articles**, as well as **10,157 venture capital deals**, making it

**8<sup>th</sup>** in the World's Top 100 Innovation Cluster Rankings for 2026

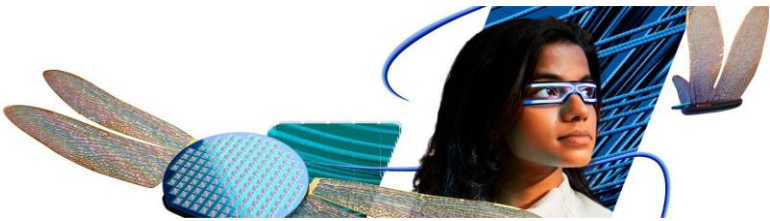
(Also the 19<sup>th</sup> innovation cluster by intensity)



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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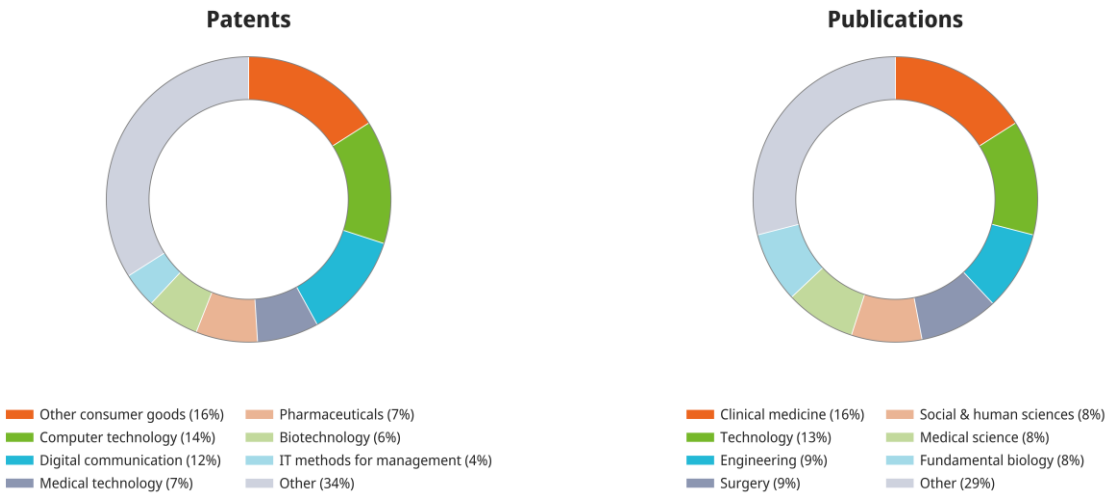
### Top PCT applicants

|   |              | Patents <sup>2</sup> | Share |
|---|--------------|----------------------|-------|
| 1 | NICOVENTURES | 1,202                | 16%   |
| 2 | BT           | 418                  | 6%    |
| 3 | DEEPMIND     | 232                  | 3%    |

### Top publishing organizations

|   |                         | Articles <sup>2</sup> | Share |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 | UCL                     | 7,898                 | 26%   |
| 2 | IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON | 7,425                 | 25%   |
| 3 | KING'S COLLEGE LONDON   | 3,531                 | 12%   |

### Top technology fields in London



**40%** of London's PCT patent applications are filed in collaboration with other inventors located outside the cluster, with **Montréal**, **San Jose–San Francisco** and **Munich** emerging as the top collaborative locations.

**87%** of London's scientific articles are published in collaboration with other organizations located outside the cluster, with the top three collaborating locations being **Oxford**, **Amsterdam–Rotterdam** and **Cambridge**.

| Estimated cluster population |                           | 10,876,880                    |                           |                                     |                          |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Innovation Metric            | Five-year total (#)       |                               |                           | With multiple inventors/authors (#) |                          |
|                              | Unique count <sup>1</sup> | Fractional count <sup>2</sup> | Per 1 million inhabitants | Total                               | External collaborator(s) |
| PCT applications             | 9,780                     | 7,360                         | 677                       | 7,950                               | 3,905                    |
| Scientific publications      | 154,833                   | 55,930                        | 5,142                     | 152,048                             | 135,442                  |
| Venture capital deals        | 10,157                    | n/a                           | 934                       | 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.