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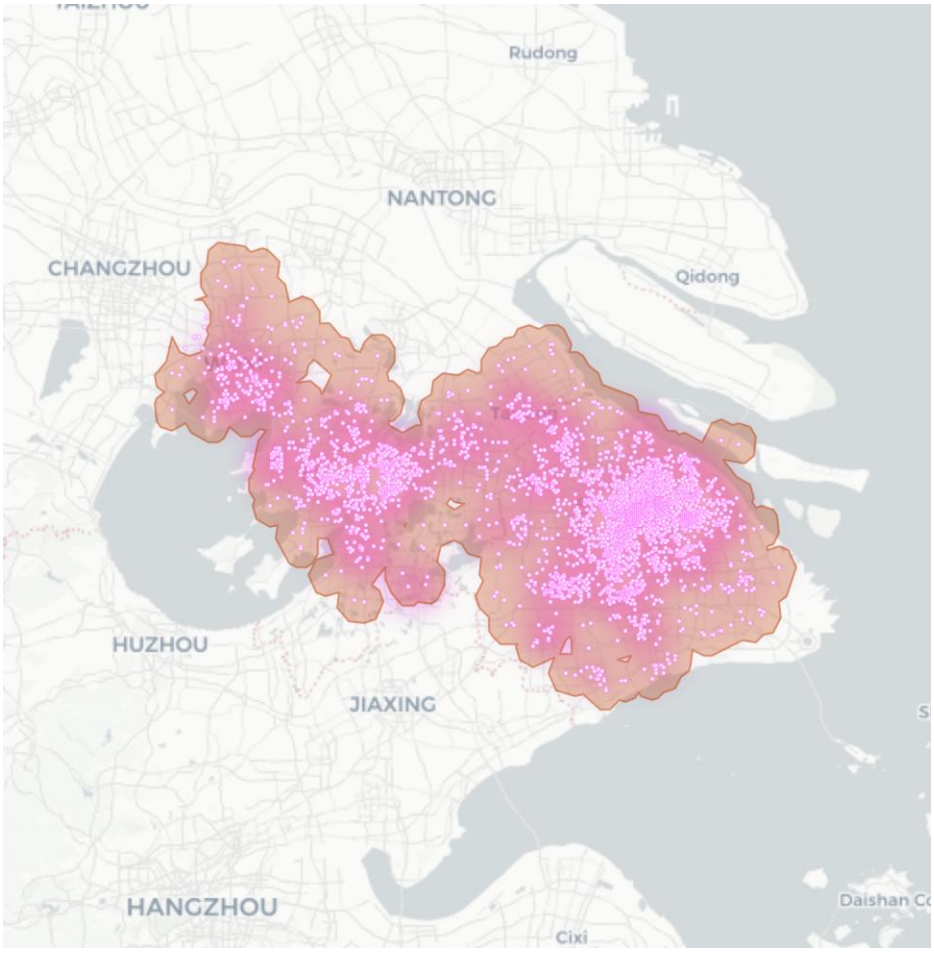


Shanghai–Suzhou, China

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, this cluster filed a total of **49,171 PCT applications**, published **377,015 scientific articles** and had **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.
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Top PCT applicants

		Patents	Share
1	SUZHOU UNIVERSITY	928	2%
2	SUZHOU METABRAIN INTELLIGENT TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD.	729	2%
3	SPREADTRUM COMMUNICATIONS (SHANGHAI) CO., LTD.	647	1%

Top publishing organizations

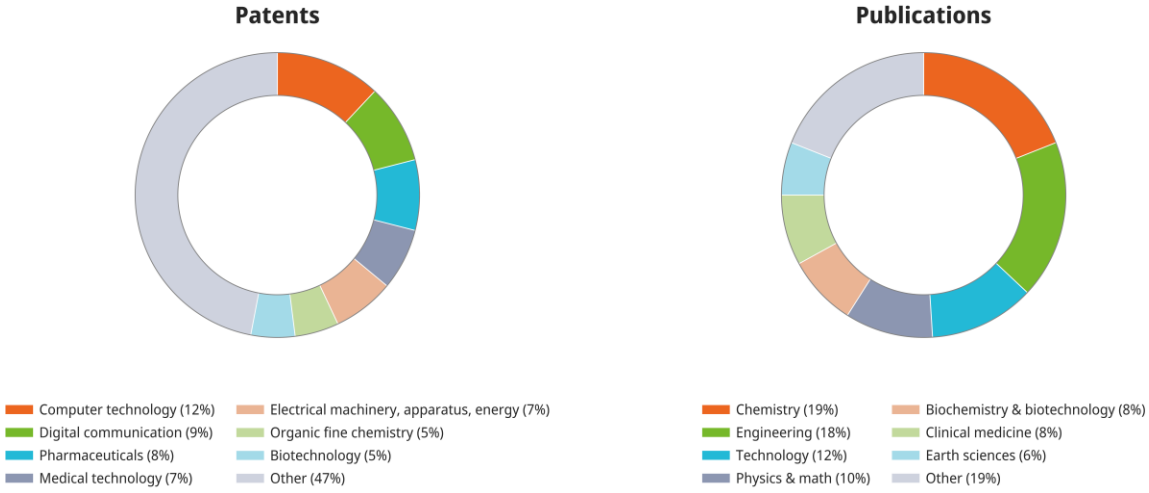
		Articles	Share
1	SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY	30,561	20%
2	FUDAN UNIVERSITY	17,402	11%
3	TONGJI UNIVERSITY	15,603	10%

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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 (#)			Collaborative outputs (#)	
	Unique count	Fractional count	Per 1 million inhabitants	Total	Outside cluster
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

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