Global Innovation Index 2026
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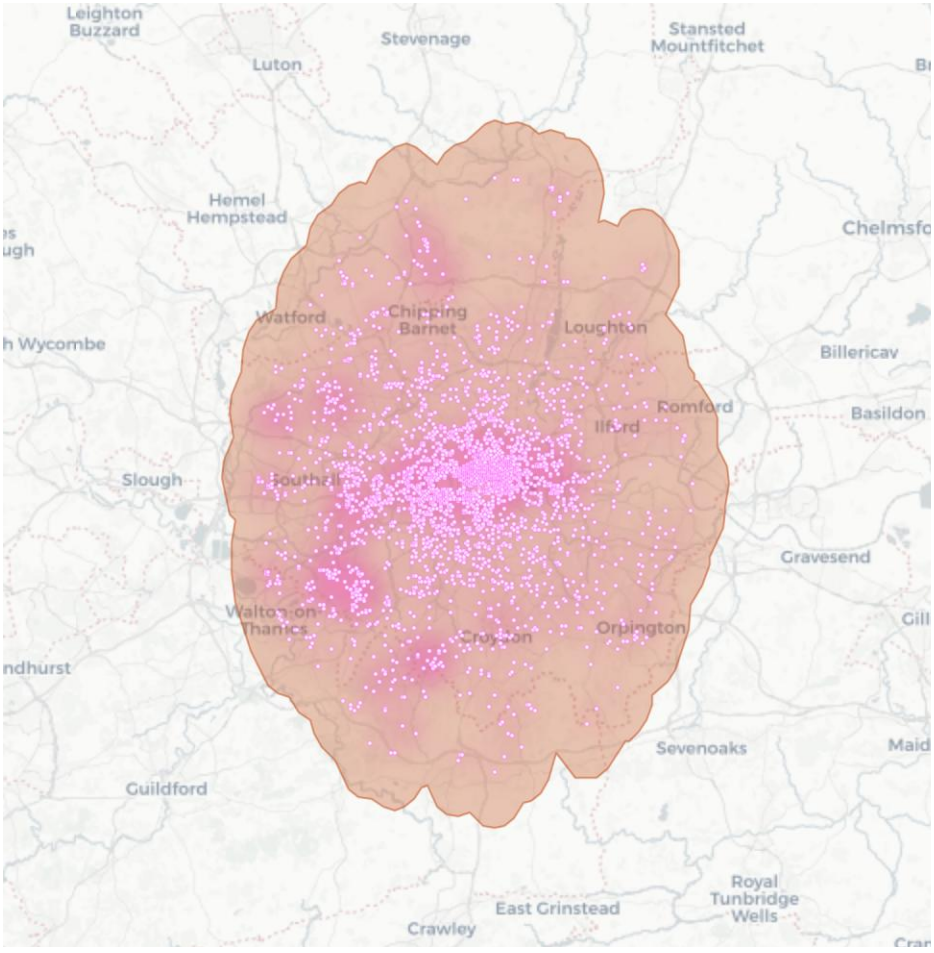


London, United Kingdom

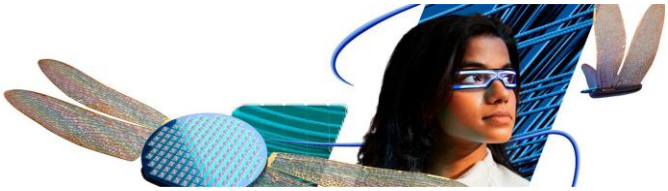
London is the top-ranked cluster, out of 4 British clusters, that falls within the top 100 innovation clusters in 2026. Over the most recent five-year period, this cluster filed a total of **9,780 PCT applications**, published **154,833 scientific articles** and had **10,157 venture capital deals**, making it:

8th in the World's Top 100 Innovation Cluster Rankings for 2026

(Also the 19th 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

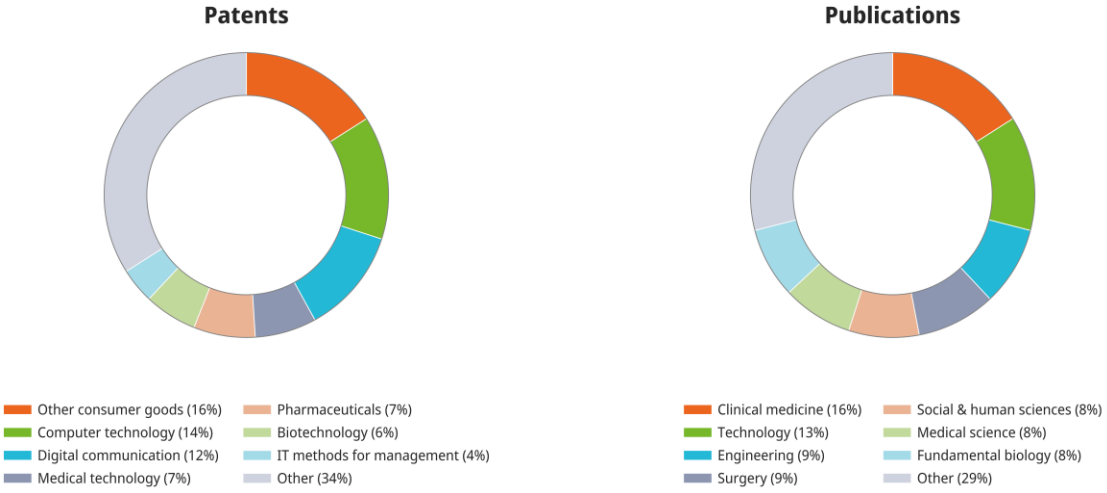
		Patents	Share
1	NICOVENTURES TRADING LIMITED	1,202	16%
2	BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY	418	6%
3	DEEPMIND TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED	232	3%

Top publishing organizations

		Articles	Share
1	UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON	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 (#)			Collaborative outputs (#)	
	Unique count	Fractional count	Per 1 million inhabitants	Total	Outside cluster
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