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Dedication to Science Pays Off

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As the field of regulatory science continues to expand in scope and importance, Frances Richmond, director of the USC School of Pharmacy's Regulatory Science program, has worked to ensure that the school is on the forefront of education in the field.

Late last year, Richmond's efforts were recognized with an Award for Excellence in Regulatory Affairs presented by The Organisation for Professionals in Regulatory Affairs (TORPA), a global organization based in London.

Richmond's award was in the education category, given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the world of regulatory education and training. According to TOPRA, she received this award due to her long-standing dedication.

Richmond has been developing academic programs in the field of regulatory science for more than 20 years. In 2001, she launched the MS in Regulatory Science at the School of Pharmacy, and in 2008, she founded the world's first doctorate program in regulatory science.

TOPRA includes members from 40 countries who are actively involved in delivering the services needed by busy regulatory specialists. Members are drawn from industry, the regulatory agencies and the consultancy community; they work in all sectors, including medical technologies, biotech, borderline products and pharmaceuticals.

Photo: Professor Frances Richmond has been recognized for global efforts in regulatory science education. (Photo/Lee Salem)