

# Academic relationships that support pharmaceutical excellence: the role of Centers of Excellence

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# Topics for Thought

## The USC Academic Approach

What is a Regulatory Science Center of Excellence?

How Does Academia Support the CoE?



- Established in 1880
- One of the world's leading private research universities
- Consistently ranked among top 20 U.S. Universities
- Home to 48,000 students and more than 4,000 faculty members
- Top destination for international students
- 23 academic colleges
- Trojan family global network of alumni
- Global network of offices

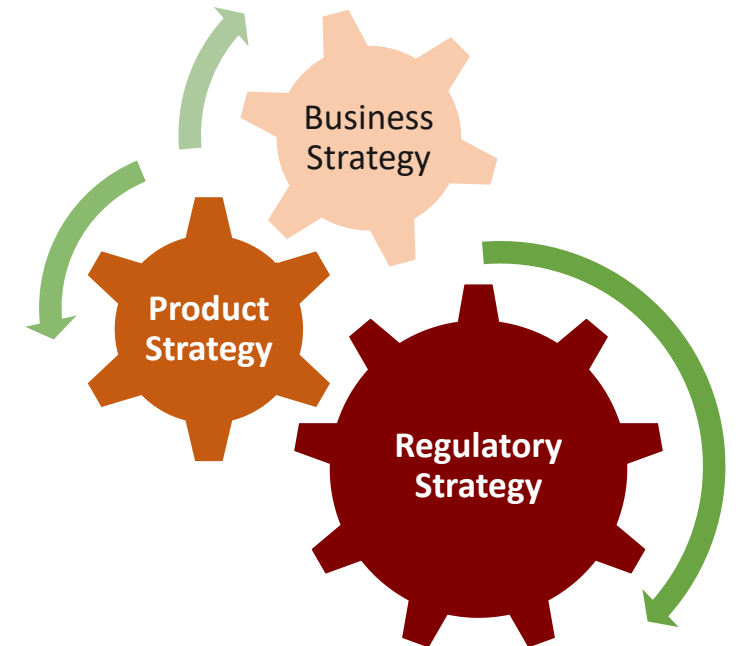
# What is Regulatory Science and Why is it Our Focus?

It is the **scientific and technical work** conducted to ensure the safety, efficacy, and quality of medical products.

It involves a **set of disciplines and methods** that help regulatory agencies make informed decisions about the approval, monitoring, and regulation of their products.

The **science of developing and validating new standards and tools to:**

- Facilitate sound and transparent regulatory decision making
- Evaluate and assess [and communicate] the benefit/risk of medicinal products
- Through **analysis of regulatory frameworks**...advancing the knowledge of these systems



# The D. K. Kim International Center for Regulatory Science

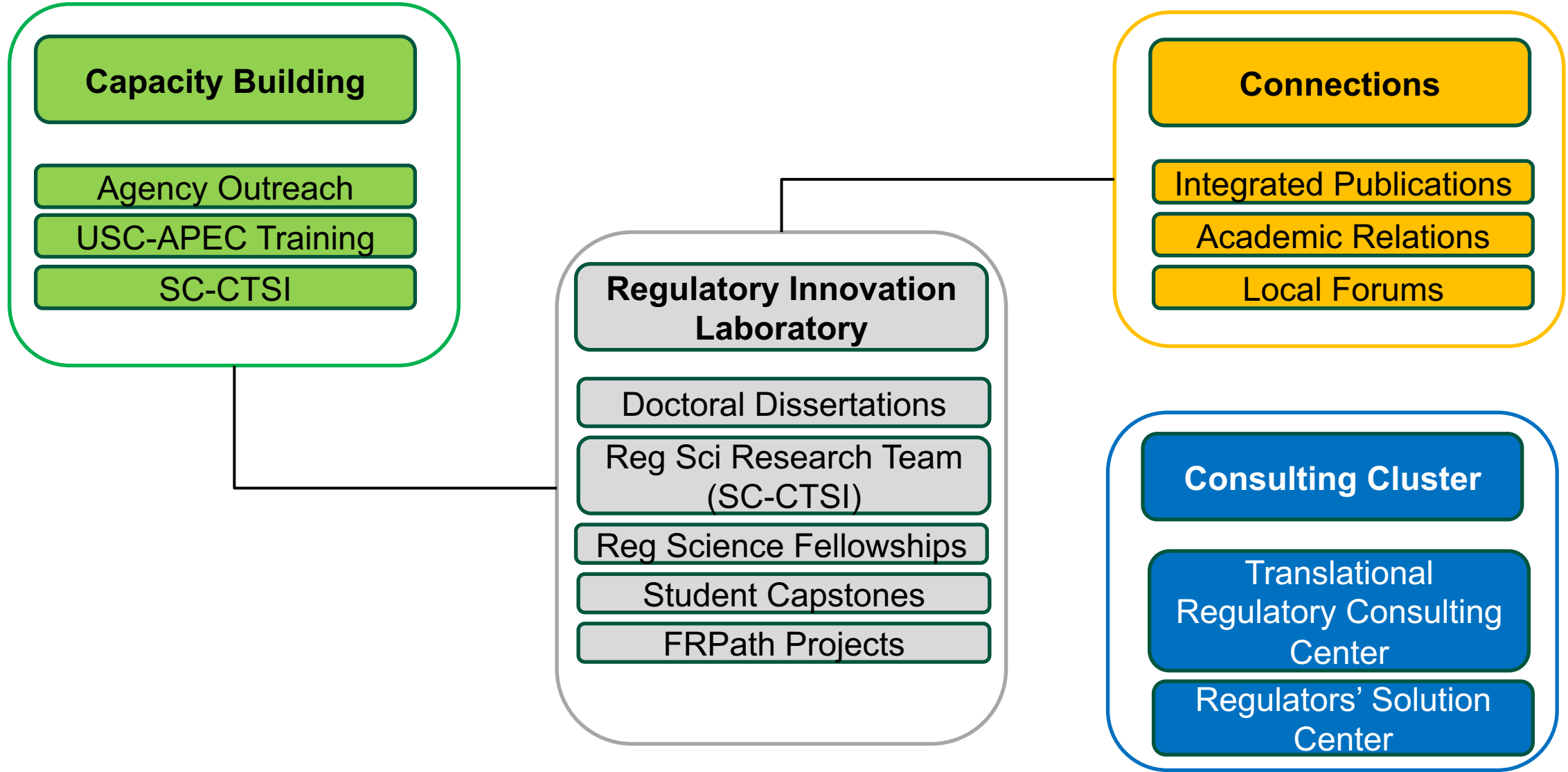
**Mission:** To apply regulatory science to regulatory and health solutions globally

Built on a foundation of academic research-based activities that meet a diverse group of healthcare stakeholder interests

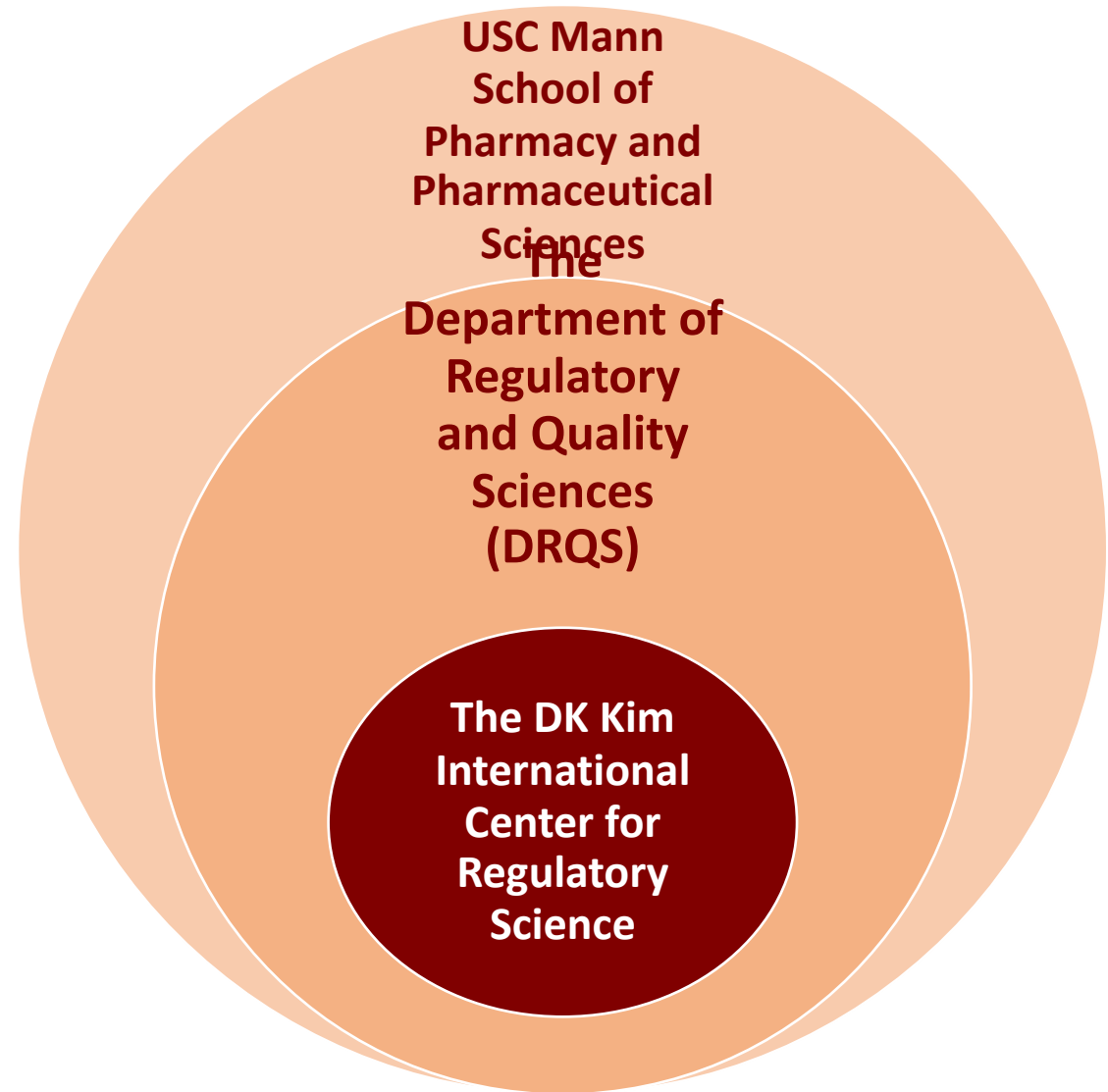
## **An educational and research institution**

- Meets the growing need for professionals with the knowledge and expertise to navigate the complex international regulatory landscape both in industry and agencies
- Provides training in regulatory science to individuals with a scientific background
- Stimulates practical research that can be translated into real-world activities
- Offers collaborative research and experiential opportunities for academic partners and students at all levels

# Kim Center Activities: The Cluster Approach

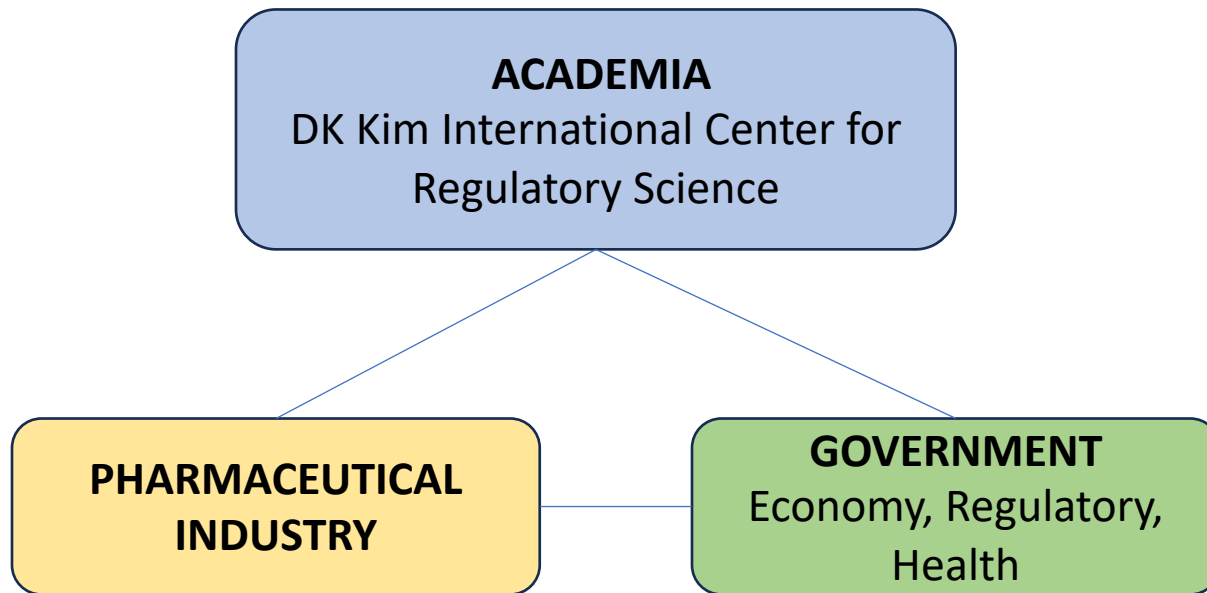


# USC: Promoting Regulatory Science Throughout the Pharmacy Curriculum



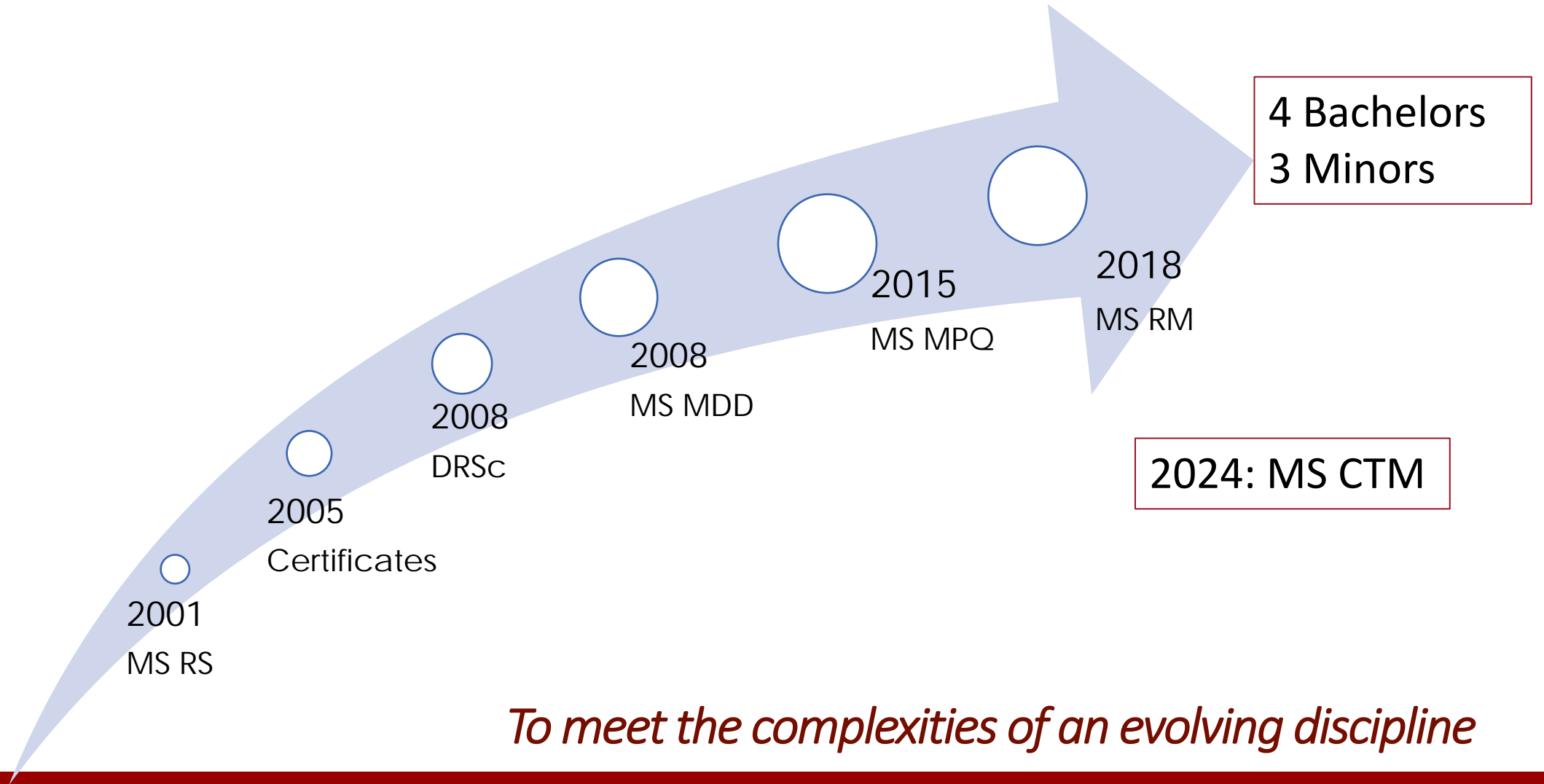
# What Academia Brings to the Process

- Academic basis for educational outreach and research
- Open, accessible activities designed to encourage collaboration with faculty and students
- Financial stability through the D. K. Kim endowment
- US, EU and global connectivity
- Deep expertise in drugs and devices
- Expertise that can apply concepts of Regulatory Science to the real world





# The USC Educational Program Evolution



*To meet the complexities of an evolving discipline*

# MS Regulatory Science Curriculum

Medical Product Regulation

Drugs & Biologics

Devices

Foods

Medical Product Quality

Law

Clinical Trial Management

Regulatory Writing

- Global Regulations
- Risk Frameworks
- Seminar
- Clinical Trial Design
- Biomedical Business
- Food Science
- Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls
- Ethics
- Medical Product Safety

# Doctoral Dissertations

*To inform policy, assess implementation of new rules,  
and examine challenges and best practices*

- US Regulatory Policy for **Human Factors Engineering in Medical Devices: A Survey of Policy Impact on Current Practices**
- **China's Role** in Global Drug Development
- Implementation of GVP IX for **Postmarketing Signal Management** in the Bio-Pharmaceutical Industry
- Exploring Critical Elements of First Time Approval: **Tool for Effective High-Quality Generic ANDA Submissions** (Challenges faced by generics industry to get first time approval and to avoid refusal to review)

# Multinational Academic MOUs

China Pharmaceutical University

Tianjin Binhai FDA

Shengyang Pharmaceutical University

Universidad del Atlántico

University of Magdalena

University of Copenhagen

Hiroshima University

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Life Sciences

Innovation Forum

Sungkyunkwan University

Yonsei University

Ewha Womans University

Taipei Medical University

National Chung Kung University

National Taiwan University

Nanjing

Tianjin

Shenyang

Barranquilla

Santa Marta

Copenhagen

Higashihiroshima

Singapore

Seoul,

Seoul

Seoul

Taipei

Tainan

Taipei

China

China

China

Colombia

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Denmark

Japan

Singapore

South Korea

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# US FDA Centers of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation (CERSIs)



**Modernize development** and **evaluation** of FDA-regulated products



**Strengthen post-market surveillance** and **labeling** of FDA-regulated products



**Invigorate public health preparedness** and **response** of FDA, Patients & Consumers

# Americas RISE for Health

Multistakeholder forum that harnesses the collective strengths of the **region's private sector and civil society** in **partnership with the region's governments** to build sustainable health economies and ecosystems.

- Trade and Investment: Capturing Health Investment and Manufacturing & Generating More Jobs in the Americas
- Regulatory Improvements: Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs) and Regulatory Convergence
- Sustainable Health Systems: Enabling Efficient, Effective, and Innovative Health Financing
- Ethics: The Foundation of Healthy Economies and Ecosystems
- Equity and Inclusivity: Creating Better Health for All Communities
- Digital Health: Making Healthcare More Accessible, Affordable, and Scalable

# The APEC Centers of Excellence

- To **build human capacity** in regulatory sciences to bring safe, effective, and quality medical products to patients and people as quickly as possible;
- To **promote dialogue** with a view towards sharing understanding in science and best practices;
- To **avoid duplication of efforts** and leverage work that already exists and has a level of convergence
- To achieve a model of sustainable operation that includes periodic updates to maintain regulatory relevancy of materials and **ensures continued value to all participating entities**



# APEC Centers of Excellence: Commitment and Criteria for Selection

- Trusted global educational/regulatory/science-setting organization and brand
- Ability to develop and deliver a training program with priorities set by the APEC RHSC
- Willingness to provide a full or part-time Director and appropriate staff to manage the CoE
- Ability & commitment to achieve objectives as agreed herein
- Ability to fund the administrative overhead over the life of the agreement (minimum 5 years)
- Demonstrated credibility in the topic area
- Location that provides, or the ability to travel to, a site easily accessed by participants
- Ability to provide qualified faculty; this could be visiting regulatory staff or other experts as required by the training program
- Ability to receive funding to support specific aspects of CoE training (e.g., to fund student/regulator travel)

# The DK Kim Center is an APEC Center of Excellence for Training

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- Global Supply Chain Integrity Training by USP

## APEC Pilot Center of Excellence Workshop

# MEDICAL DEVICES

30 APR – 2 MAY 2019

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| <b>EVENT</b> | Medical Devices 101                                     |
| <b>VENUE</b> | University of Southern California, Los Angeles , CA,USA |
| <b>HOSTS</b> | University of Southern California                       |

# Harmonizing Medical Device Regulation

October 12-13, 2023



Find recordings of the sessions, Speaker Profiles, the Agenda, and Core Curriculum and Slides at the links below

[Recordings](#)

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<https://sites.usc.edu/apec-training/events/harmonizing-medical-device-regulation/>



**Asia-Pacific  
Economic Cooperation**

- 1 Canada
- 6 Chile
- 1 Colombia
- 2 Indonesia
- 5 Malaysia
- 2 Papua New Guinea
- 1 Peru
- 2 Philippines
- 2 Poland
- 2 Slovenia
- 6 South Korea
- 4 Taiwan
- 13 United States



# International Delegations Benefit from Onsite Training at the DK Kim Center



## Aligning Medical Device Regulation to Optimize Risk Management September 15-16, 2024

Day 1: Sunday, September 15

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| 8:30 AM PST  | <b>Introductions and Orientation</b><br>Lawrence Liberti, PhD, BPharm, RAC<br>Director, D.K. Kim International Center for Regulatory Science<br>Susan Bain, DRSc<br>Assistant Professor, Department of Regulatory and Quality Sciences |
| 8:45 AM PST  | <b>Risk Management: A Review of the Pre-Conference Instructional Material</b><br>Lawrence Liberti<br>Susan Bain  |
| 9:15 AM PST  | <b>IMDRF and GHTF: How do these Guidelines help us Address Risk?</b><br>Kim Trautman, MS<br>International Medical Device Expert  |
| 10:00 AM PST | <b>Break</b>   |
| 10:15 AM PST | <b>Essential Principles of Medical Device Safety: Integrating Risk Analysis Methods with Design Controls</b><br>Gerald Loeb, MD<br>Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering and Neurology                                       |
| 11:30 AM PST | <b>Panel Discussion</b><br>Moderator: Susan Bain Participants: Speakers and Agency Representatives   |
| 12:00 PM PST | <b>Hosted Lunch</b>  |
| 1:00 PM PST  | <b>How can Environmental and Human Factors Help to Limit Device Risk? Case Studies</b><br>Nozomi Yagi, MAS, RAC<br>Senior Regulatory Affairs Manager, Infraredx a Nipro Company  |
| 1:45 PM PST  | <b>Tools for Pre-market Risk Evaluation of Devices</b><br>Kim Trautman, MS   |
| 2:45 PM PST  | <b>Break</b>   |
| 3:00 PM PST  | <b>Analyzing Medical Device Adverse Events and Applying IMDRF Terms and Codes</b><br>Keith Morel, PhD<br>VP Regulatory Compliance & Principal Consultant, Qserve   |
| 3:45 PM PST  | <b>Group Activity (Aligning Pre- and Post-Marketing Risk Management)</b><br>Session Lead: Keith Morel, PhD   |
| 4:30 PM PST  | <b>Day One Wrap-up</b>   |

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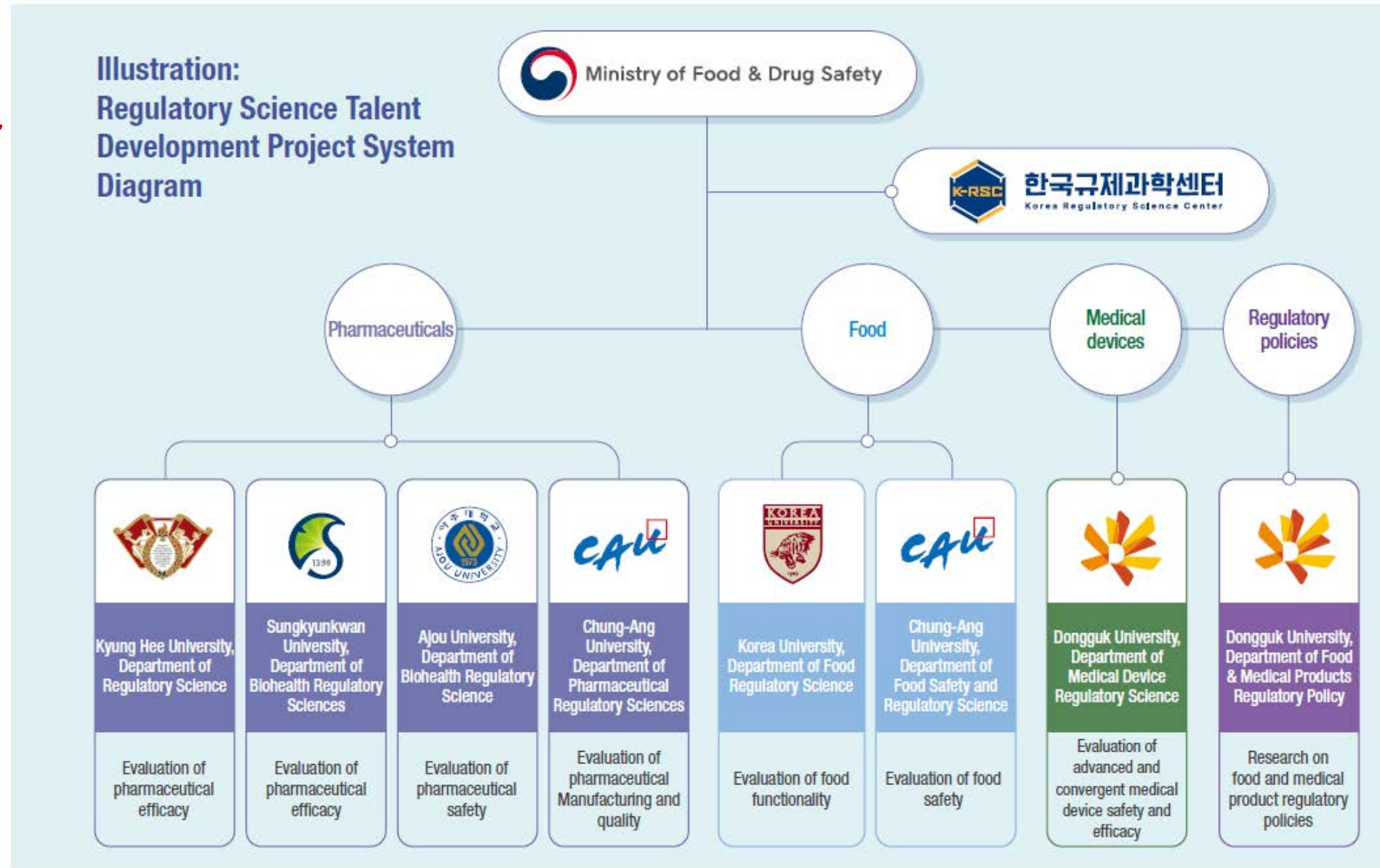
Day 2: Monday, September 16

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| 9:00 AM PST  | <b>How do Quality Standards (ISO 14971:2019 and application of risk management) De-Risk Devices?</b><br>David Rutledge, PharmD, FCCP, FAHA<br>President and CEO, Global Strategic Solutions   |
| 9:30 AM PST  | <b>Group Activity</b>   |
| 10:30 AM PST | <b>Break</b>  |
| 10:45 AM PST | <b>Understanding the Tools for Post-approval Risk Management</b><br>Yu Zhao, MBA, MSc<br>President, Bridging Consulting   |
| 11:15 AM PST | <b>How Audits and the MDSAP program support QMS</b><br>Moderator:<br>Chiaoyun Kuo, PhD; Assistant Professor, Department of Regulatory and Quality Sciences<br>Participants: Speakers and Agency Representatives   |
| 12:00 PM PST | <b>Hosted Lunch</b>   |
| 1:00 PM PST  | <b>In vitro Diagnostic Devices: Special Risk Considerations</b><br>Christie Hughes, MPH, MLS (ASCP)<br>Principal Consultant, Qserve   |
| 2:00 PM PST  | <b>Break</b><br><i>The following are USC original topics, not endorsed as APEC CoE topics</i>   |
| 2:15 PM PST  | <b>Combination Drug-Device Products: Their Evaluation and Risk Assessment</b><br>James Wabby, MHMS<br>Head, Global Regulatory Affairs<br>Emerging Technologies, Combination Products, and Device, AbbVie<br>Volwiler Senior Research Industry Fellow – Regulatory Science |
| 3:00 PM PST  | <b>AI and its use in Medical Devices: Mitigating Novel Risks</b><br>Yu Zhao, MBA, MSc   |
| 3:45 PM PST  | <b>Closing Remarks</b>  |

# The Korea Regulatory Science Center (K-RSC)

To contribute to the growth of the health industry and enhance public health.

By establishing a foundation for the biohealth industry and promoting research and development in regulatory science, the center aims to foster advancements in various sectors, such as food, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and cosmetics.



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**Essential foundations of  
Center of Excellence**

Specialized expertise

Infrastructure

Innovation

High-impact  
research

Quality service

Accreditation/  
Standards

Leadership

Organizational  
structure

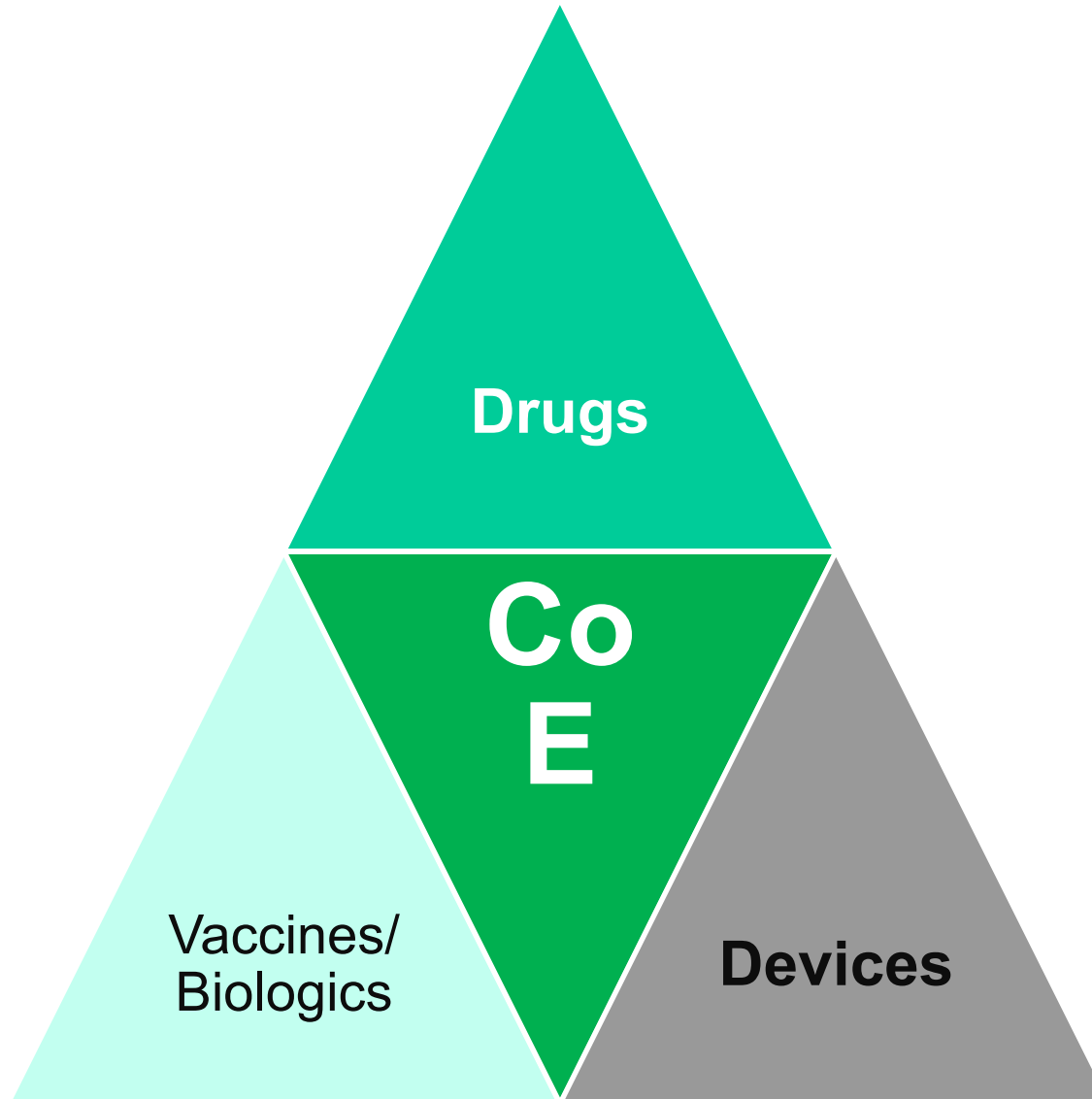
Strategy

Collaboration/  
Partnership

Sustainable funding/  
Financial mechanism

Entrepreneurship

# What Areas of Need Should be the Focus of a CoE



# USC Int'l Student Summer Program: Strengthening Partnerships

101 Participants, 24 Universities, 10 Countries



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UNIVERSITAT DE BARCELONA



嘉南藥理大學  
Chia Nan University  
of Pharmacy & Science



國立陽明交通大學  
NATIONAL YANG MING CHIAO TUNG UNIVERSITY

# How a CoE Drives an Ideal Multistakeholder Innovation Model

## ACADEMIA

- Provides an environment that promotes innovative research
  - Understands the value of stakeholder collaborations

## CENTRALIZED COORDINATION ORGANIZATION (CoE)

## PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

- Thinks about optimizing the value of their discoveries
  - Seeks a collaborative environment
- Encourages involvement of new generation of thinkers

## GOVERNMENT

- Values the role of the innovative industry to support public health
  - Encourages multistakeholder collaborations
- Offer funding for important research
  - Provides a supportive regulatory environment

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