



BREAKING NEWS!

Karen Allen is heading to UC San Diego!



It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Karen Allen will be leaving the Office of Research to take up a new position as Director of Regulatory Affairs, in UCSD's Altman Clinical and Translational Research Institute.

Karen's association with UCI began as a graduate student, and after earning her degree, she went on to hold several positions on campus. In late 2000, she joined the Office of Research (OR) as the IRB Administrator for the Social and Behavioral (IRB C) committee. Through her hard work and dedication she ascended to leadership roles in OR as Assistant Director in 2003, Associate Director in 2007, Director in 2008, and Executive Director – Research Protections in 2016.

Karen has made enormous contributions to UCI's Human Research Protection Program (HRPP). She single handedly crafted the framework of our policies and procedures (where none existed before). She was instrumental in our program successfully qualifying for AAHRPP accreditation in 2005 – making UCI the first UC campus to achieve accreditation, and helped UCI secure re-accreditation in 2008 and 2011. More recently, along with her colleagues at our sister campuses and Stanford, Karen developed the Consortium for Applied Research Ethics Quality (CARE-Q), an IRB certification program. In July of this year, UCI's IRB program was the first institution in the world to receive CARE-Q certification.

Although we are happy and excited for Karen as she embarks on the next chapter of her UC career, we will miss our daily interactions with our valued colleague and friend.

We hope that you will join us in congratulating Karen on her new position. If you want to offer your congratulations in person, her last day in the office will be **November 14**.