

Secretary of State
for External Affairs
Barbara McDougall

Born in Toronto in 1937, Barbara McDougall studied political science and economics at the University of Toronto, where she obtained a bachelor of arts (honours) degree. She is also a chartered financial analyst.

Mrs. McDougall began her professional career as an economic analyst in banking. She later worked as a market research analyst and as a print and television business journalist. From 1964 to 1974, Mrs. McDougall was an investment analyst in Vancouver, where she specialized in the forest products industry.

From 1974 to 1976, Mrs. McDougall managed portfolio investments; and from 1976 to 1981, she was vice-president of a securities firm. From 1982 until entering federal politics in 1984, Mrs. McDougall was executive director of the Canadian Council of Financial Analysts and a government affairs and financial consultant.

Mrs. McDougall was first elected to Parliament in September 1984, representing the Toronto riding of St. Paul's. She was re-elected in the same riding in November 1988.

In September 1984, Mrs. McDougall was appointed minister of state (finance). In June 1986 she was appointed minister of state (privatization) and minister responsible for the status of women; and in August of that year she was named minister responsible for regulatory affairs.

In March 1988, Mrs. McDougall was appointed minister of employment and immigration. She held that portfolio until her appointment in April 1991 as secretary of state for external affairs.



Mrs. McDougall has chaired the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal in Toronto and was a director of organizations providing life skills training and serving senior citizens. She has also devoted time as a counsellor to the Oakhalla Provincial Prison for Women and served as a vice-chairperson of the Elizabeth Fry Society of British Columbia.