

Secretary of State
for External Affairs
Barbara McDougall

Born in Toronto on Nov. 12, 1937, Barbara McDougall studied political science and economics at the University of Toronto, where she obtained a bachelor of arts (honours) degree in 1960. She became a chartered financial analyst in 1973.

Mrs. McDougall began her career as an economic analyst in banking. She has also worked as a market research analyst and as a business journalist on national magazines and in television.

For 10 years, Mrs. McDougall was an investment analyst specializing in forest products. 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.

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

In September 1984, Mrs. McDougall was appointed minister of state (finance). Between 1986 and 1988, she held three cabinet posts at the same time: minister of state (privatization), minister responsible for the status of women, and minister responsible for regulatory affairs.

Mrs. McDougall was minister of employment and immigration from March 1988 until her appointment in April 1991 as secretary of state for external affairs.



She chairs the Cabinet Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence Policy. She is a member of the Planning and Priorities Committee of Cabinet and the Cabinet Committee on Canadian Unity and Constitutional Negotiations.

As a volunteer, Mrs. McDougall chaired the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal in Toronto. She has also been a director of organizations providing life skills training and serving senior citizens, and was vice-chair of the Elizabeth Fry Society of British Columbia.