



AMBASSADOR BERGDÍS ELLERTSDÓTTIR

Bergdís Ellertsdóttir (born 1962) is the current ambassador of [Iceland](#) to the [United States](#). She

was permanent representative of Iceland to the [United Nations](#) 2018–2019.^[1] Since 1991, when she joined Iceland's [Ministry for Foreign Affairs](#), she has enjoyed a colourful diplomatic career with

assignments covering [NATO](#), [EFTA](#), and the [European Union](#). She has also served as Iceland's ambassador to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland and San Marino.^[2] From 1 2019, she will be Iceland's ambassador to the United States.^[3]

she studied German (1982–1983) followed by political science, English and history (1983–1985). She went on to study political science and English at the [University of Iceland](#) graduating in 1987. She completed her studies at the [University of Essex](#) where she received an M.A. in European Studies in 1989.^[2]

In 1991 Bergdís Ellertsdóttir joined Iceland's Ministry for Foreign Affairs where she was first secretary in the trade department. She then joined the Icelandic Embassy in [Bonn](#), Germany, where she was deputy head of mission. From 2000 to 2003, she was deputy director of the political department dealing with security issues, NATO, OSCE and bilateral relations with the United States, Canada and Russia. In 2003, she became deputy director general in the foreign affairs ministry's trade department, becoming director-general for international security and development in 2007

The same year she was appointed deputy secretary general of [EFTA](#) in [Brussels](#), serving until 2012. She was the chief negotiator in the Iceland-China Free Trade Agreement in September 2012. In September 2014, she was appointed head of the Icelandic Mission to the European Union as well as ambassador of Iceland to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland and San Marino

In August 2018, Bergdís Ellertsdóttir was appointed Iceland's permanent representative to the United Nations.^[1] The following October it was announced that she would be Iceland's ambassador to the United States from 1 August 2019.