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Dr. Mark Mullins has expertise in three areas, finance economics and public policy, and he has a broad interest in applying the lessons learned there to politics and private life.

His academic background in economics includes a BA from the University of Saskatchewan, an MA from the University of Western Ontario and a PhD from the London School of Economics, the latter focusing on financial crises and the linkages between the stock market and the economy. As a student, he also studied for a year in Taiwan and at the University of Hong Kong, and this has led to a life-long interest in China's economic development.

From 1990 to 1998, Mullins was Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist at Midland Walwyn Capital Inc., the leading independent investment dealer in Canada at the time, where he was responsible for communicating the firm's outlook on the economy and financial markets. He then served as President of MSG Hedge Corporation, a privately owned consulting firm involved in industry, government and the media. In 2003, Mullins joined the Fraser Institute, rated by Foreign Policy magazine as one of the top ten think tanks of the world, and significantly grew the organization while serving as the Executive Director until 2009.

Mullins has published numerous studies on financial crises, government finance, markets, tax policy, insurance health care, and other issues over the past several years. He has extensive applied policy experience, having formerly served as economic and fiscal policy advisor to a number of political parties at the provincial and federal level. He is a member of Ontario's Task Force on Competitiveness, Productivity and Economic Progress and a council member with NSERC, the federal government's natural sciences and engineering research granting agency.

Mark Mullins is currently CEO of Veras Inc., a consulting and advisory firm specializing in finance and economics. He is a regular media commentator and is a member of the CBC television panel of economists on the The National.