

Gyula Vastag – Bio

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Profile Summary

Internationally recognized scholar and academic leader with 40+ years in higher education in Hungary, the USA, Germany, The Netherlands, and Finland. Held top roles including Vice-Rector, Doctoral Program Director, MBA Program Director, and Editor. Led impactful institutional transformations, secured competitive funding, and enhanced research productivity and visibility. Experienced in doctoral and MBA education, institutional and program accreditations, business executive teaching, and global academic engagement.

Selected Academic Leadership Roles

- Vice-Rector for Research – Corvinus University of Budapest (2019–2022)
Oversaw research strategy for 500+ faculty. Introduced incentive systems, tenure-track reforms, and led restructuring of doctoral education. Boosted publication output by 50%. Led AACSB accreditation efforts and chaired the Research Ethics Committee.
- Director, SZEEDSM PhD Program – Széchenyi István University (2015–2019)
Founded and led a flagship English-language doctoral program. Secured HUF ~1 billion in funding, implemented Hungary's first research-paper-based PhD model, and established faculty development systems.
- Magyary Chair and Director, Public Management Institute – Ludovika University of Public Service (2014–2015)
Managed 40+ faculty across Public Policy and Administration departments. Oversaw multi-level academic programming.
- Director, Corvinus School of Management – Corvinus University (2007–2009)
Reinvigorated the English MBA program. Secured sponsorships (BCG, KPMG), redesigned curriculum, and increased intake to full capacity.

Education

DSc, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 2010

Dr. Habil., Corvinus University of Budapest, 2009

PhD, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 1994

MSc, Mathematical Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest, 1979

Research

50+ papers in top journals including *Journal of Operations Management*, *Production and Operations Management*, *European Journal of Operational Research*, *International Journal of Production Economics*, *International Journal of Production Research*, *Decision Sciences*, *Omega*, *Logistics*, *European Management Journal*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Review of Public Personnel Administration*, *Hungarian Statistical Review*, and others.

Published and edited books by *Elsevier*, *Pearson*, and contributed to numerous book chapters. Head and participant of research grants by the European Federation of Education Employers, Hungarian Development Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, and others.

Teaching & Doctoral Supervision

Extensive experience teaching Operations, Supply Chain, and Public Management at institutions in the USA and across Europe. Mentored PhD students, led professional acculturation programs, and taught in executive MBAs and doctoral seminars.

Editorial Service

Senior/Associate Editor, *Decision Sciences Journal* (2012–Present). Editorial Board Member: *Journal of Operations Management*, *International Journal of Production Economics*, *Central European Business Review*, *Hungarian Statistical Review*.

Leadership in Academic Societies

President, European Decision Sciences Institute; Vice President, Decision Sciences Institute; Vice President, Production and Operations Management Society; Board Member, International Society for Inventory Research Founding Member and Associate Director, Global Manufacturing Research Group.

Selected Honors & Awards

- Honorary Doctorate, Aalto Business School (2026)
- Dennis E. Grawoig Distinguished Service Award, Decision Sciences Institute (2019)
- Award for International Publication Excellence, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (2023)
- New Central Europe Distinguished Senior Researcher Scholarship (2014)
- Best Applications Paper, European Decision Sciences Institute (2012)
- Research Excellence Award, Corvinus University (2009)