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## Revised Authorship Policy

Authorship carries responsibility. It entails a public acknowledgment of scientific or professional contribution to a disseminated piece of information. Therefore, there is need to transform and evolve an academic system, so that, integrity and honesty is preserved in terms of authorship of research findings well as data and results presentation.

Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology perceives that a proper professional policy to authorship issues could prevent abuse of junior members of research teams and prevent inadvertent academic dishonesty and conflict of interest amongst researchers. For achieving the objective of creating academic community with good sense of responsibility and high integrity, following "Authorship Policy" is hereby prescribed upon all published or unpublished papers that may form part of a thesis/ dissertation/ project work carried out as a part of course during period of stay at the Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology, Gorakhpur.

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- The student can include the published material during the period students enrolled in the University in his/herthesis/ dissertation/project report presented for fulfilment of the Doctor of Philosophy or Master of Technology Degree or Project Completion Certificates.
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Where the included technical papers can have multiple authorship, the student must be the first or principal author and his/her supervisor(s) will be the second author and onward.

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- Minor contributions to the research or to the writing for publication are appropriately acknowledged, such as in footnotes or in an introductory statement
- 6. Manuscripts which have been rejected by a journal must not be included unless they have been substantially rewritten to address referees' comments/ observations.
- 7. The following activities do not by themselves constitute a claim to authorship without substantial direct technical intellectual contribution to the work:
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  - f) Providing data that has already been published or materials obtained from third parties
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