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February 28, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) - February 25, 2003

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation or Organization)

95-4405754  
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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

000-26068  
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(Commission  
File Number)

500 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, California  
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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92660  
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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 480-8300  
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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS.

(a) Not Applicable.

(b) Not Applicable.

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(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1  
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Press Release dated February 25, 2003 of the Registrant.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On February 25, 2003, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: February 25, 2003

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan  
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Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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