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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) - November 13, 2002

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 480-8300

(Dames News on Farmer Address if Channel since Last Deposit)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS.

(a) Not Applicable.

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release dated November 13, 2002 of the Registrant.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On November 13, 2002, 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: November 13, 2002 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT NUMBER DESCRIPTION

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