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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) - February 25, 2003

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

Delaware 95-4405754

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

000-26068 -----(Commission File Number)

500 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660
----(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

(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

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

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT NUMBER DESCRIPTION

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