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Form 8-K  
May 20, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K  
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CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

MAY 20, 2003  
DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

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

Delaware ----- (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	000-26068 ----- (Commission File Number)	95-4405754 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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500 Newport Center Drive,  
Newport Beach, California 92660  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

ITEM 7. EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated May 20, 2003 of the Registrant.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On May 20, 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: May 20, 2003

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

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Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

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99.1

Press Release dated May 20, 2003, of the Registrant.