

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 21, 2013

**UNITED STATES**

**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 21, 2013

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-26068 95-4405754  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**500 Newport Center Drive**  
92660  
**Newport Beach, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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£ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 21, 2013, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2012. A copy of that release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated February 21, 2013 of the Registrant.

**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 21, 2013 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

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Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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99.1 Press Release dated February 21, 2013, of the Registrant.