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Form 8-K  
October 22, 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

OCTOBER 22, 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	000-26068	95-4405754
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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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 October 22, 2003 of the  
Registrant.

ITEM 12. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On October 22, 2003, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2003. 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

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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.

### 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: October 22, 2003

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

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Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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Exhibit Number	Description
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99.1	Press Release dated October 22, 2003, of the Registrant.