ACACIA RESEARCH CORP Form 8-K July 22, 2004

> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

JULY 22, 2004 DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)

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

Delaware _____

000-26068 _____

95-4405754 _____

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission of Incorporation) 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 July 22, 2004 of the Registrant.

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

On July 22, 2004, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the three months ended June 30, 2004. 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

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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.

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: July 22, 2004

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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