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Form 8-K  
July 13, 2004

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

JULY 13, 2004  
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  
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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

95-4405754  
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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

000-26068  
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(Commission  
File Number)

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 13, 2004 of the Registrant.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

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On July 13, 2004, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

### 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 13, 2004

By: /S/ PAUL R. RYAN

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Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

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99.1

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Press Release dated July 13, 2004, of the Registrant.

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