ACACIA RESEARCH CORP Form 8-K February 24, 2011

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 24, 2011

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 (IRS Employer Identification No.)	
500 Newport Center Drive			92660
Newport Beach, California (Address of principal executive offices)			(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number	er, including area code: (949)	480-8300	
	Not appli	cable	
(Former name or former address,	if changed since last r	report.)
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 24, 2011, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the three months and the year ended December 31, 2010. 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.

- (d) Exhibits.
 - 99.1 Press Release dated February 24, 2011 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 24, 2011 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief

Executive Officer

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Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated February 24, 2011, of the Registrant.

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