ACACIA RESEARCH CORP Form 8-K April 22, 2010

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): April 22, 2010

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-26068 95-4405754
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer incorporation) 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.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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oPre-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 April 22, 2010, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the three months ended March 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 April 22, 2010 of the Registrant.

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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: April 22, 2010 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief

Executive Officer

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated April 22, 2010, of the Registrant.

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