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Form 8-K  
February 15, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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 9, 2005  
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Acacia Research Corporation  
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(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)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
500 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA		92660
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(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, including area code		(949) 480-8300
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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SECTION 1 REGISTRANT'S BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS

ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On February 9, 2005, we entered into a Common Stock Purchase Agreement for the sale of 3.5 million shares of Acacia Research-Acacia Technologies common stock at \$5.60 per share to a select group of institutional investors including investor funds and accounts affiliated with Apex Capital, LLC. As of the filing of this report, we have closed the sale of 3,497,388 shares of Acacia Research-Acacia Technologies common stock pursuant to the agreement, and we have received a total of \$19,585,372.80. We have also granted Apex Capital, LLC standard registration rights for the resale of the stock purchased and held by Apex Capital if Apex Capital is then an affiliate of our company. We offered and sold the stock pursuant to our Form S-3 registration statement declared effective with the Commission on March 17, 2004. No commissions or other broker fees were paid in connection with the offering, and the offering was closed upon consummation of the sale on February 9, 2005.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits. The following exhibits are included with this Form 8-K:

10.1 Common Stock Purchase Agreement

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,  
a Delaware corporation

Date: February 15, 2005

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

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Paul R. Ryan,  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer