

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 26, 2006

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**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**

**January 26, 2006  
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  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

000-26068  
(Commission  
File Number)

95-4405754  
(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)

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**ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On January 26, 2006, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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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: January 26, 2006

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 January 26, 2006, of the Registrant.