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August 16, 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) June 15, 2005

Acacia Research Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-26068

95-4405754

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

500 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA

92660

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (949) 480-8300

(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.

Stock awards under the 2002 Acacia Technologies Stock Incentive Plan will be made pursuant to the form agreement included in Section 9 of this report as Exhibit 10.1. The form agreement provides for the specific terms of the award made under the plan, including the number of shares awarded, restrictions on transfer and vesting and forfeiture of shares awarded.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

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

10.1 Form of Acacia Research Corporation 2002 Acacia Technologies Stock Incentive Plan Stock Issuance 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: August 16, 2005

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

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Paul R. Ryan,  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer