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ACACIA RESEARCH CORP Form 8-K October 27, 2016 **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): October 27, 2016 ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 000-26068 95-4405754 Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) 520 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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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 27, 2016, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release announcing its earnings for the three months ended September 30, 2016. A copy of that release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 are being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for 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 on Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation by reference language in such filings, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release dated October 27, 2016 of the Registrant.

SIGNATURE

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: October 27, 2016 By:/s/ Marvin Key

Name: Marvin Key

Title: Interim Chief Executive Officer

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