

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): March 16, 2018

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**ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-37721**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**95-4405754**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**520 Newport Center Drive, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Newport Beach, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92660**  
(Zip Code)

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

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).  Emerging growth company



If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.



### **Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On March 8, 2018, Acacia Research Corporation (“Acacia” or the “Company”) received a notice from Sidus Investment Management, LLC (“Sidus”) and BLR Partners LP (“BLR”) of their intention to nominate two or three individuals for election to the Company’s Board of Directors at the Company’s 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Acacia stockholders are not required to take any action at this time. Acacia’s Board of Directors will carefully review and consider Sidus’ and BLR’s director candidates and will make a formal recommendation regarding director nominations.

The Company will separately announce the date and location of the Annual Meeting and the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting.

#### **Important Additional Information and Where to Find It**

This Form 8-K may be deemed to contain solicitation material in respect to the solicitation of proxies from the Company’s stockholders in connection with the Annual Meeting. The Company plans to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and mail to its stockholders a definitive proxy statement and accompanying **WHITE** proxy card in connection with the Annual Meeting. The definitive proxy statement will contain important information about the Company, the Annual Meeting and related matters. Stockholders may obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement and other documents that the Company files with the SEC (when available) on the SEC’s website, at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). INVESTORS AND STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT, THE ACCOMPANYING **WHITE** PROXY CARD AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT SOLICITATION MATERIALS (WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE) BECAUSE THESE DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Acacia, its directors and certain of its executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the Company’s stockholders in connection with the Annual Meeting. Information regarding the names of the Company’s directors and executive officers and their respective interests in the Company will be set forth in the definitive proxy statement, the accompanying **WHITE** proxy card and other relevant solicitation materials filed by the Company. These documents (when they become available), and any and all other documents filed by the Company with the SEC, may be obtained by investors and stockholders free of charge on the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Copies will also be available at no charge on the Company’s website at [www.acaciaresearch.com](http://www.acaciaresearch.com).

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 16, 2018

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert B. Stewart, Jr.  
President