

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 08, 2012

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

SCHEDULE 13G/A  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 7)

Acacia Research Corporation  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

003881307  
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2011  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
Apex Capital, LLC
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member Of a Group  
 (a)  
 (b)
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

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California, United States

- Number of Shares
- Beneficially Owned by  
Each Reporting Person With:
5. Sole Voting Power: 0
6. Shared Voting Power: 1,639,100
7. Sole Dispositive Power: 0
8. Shared Dispositive Power: 1,639,100
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,639,100
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)  
3.80%
12. Type of Reporting Person  
OO, IA

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
Sanford J. Colen
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member Of a Group  
 (a)  
 (b)
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
United States
- Number of Shares
- Beneficially Owned by  
Each Reporting Person With:
5. Sole Voting Power: 22,500
6. Shared Voting Power: 1,639,100
7. Sole Dispositive Power: 22,500
8. Shared Dispositive Power: 1,639,100
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
1,661,600
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)  
3.85%

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12. Type of Reporting Person

IN, HC

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

Daniel S. Katz

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member Of a Group

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

Number of Shares

5. Sole Voting Power: 135,500

Beneficially Owned by

6. Shared Voting Power: 1,639,100

Each Reporting Person With:

7. Sole Dispositive Power: 135,500

8. Shared Dispositive Power: 1,639,100

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,774,600

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

4.11%

12. Type of Reporting Person

IN

Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer: Acacia Research Corporation

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

500 Newport Center Drive  
Newport Beach, California 92660

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:

Apex Capital, LLC ("LLC")  
Sanford J. Colen ("Colen")  
Daniel S. Katz ("Katz")

(collectively, the "Filers")

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(b) Address of Principal Business Office, or, if None, Residence:

The principal business office of the Filers is located at:

25 Orinda Way, Suite 300  
Orinda, CA 94563

(c) Citizenship:

Please refer to Item 4 on each cover sheet for each Reporting Person

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP No.: 003881307

Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act.
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act.
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act.
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (j)  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

Item 4. Ownership

Please see Items 5 - 9 and 11 on each cover sheet for each Reporting Person

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

X

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### Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

LLC is a registered investment adviser whose clients have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Stock. Colen is the Manager of LLC. Katz is a senior portfolio manager for LLC. No single client account of LLC holds more than five percent of the outstanding Stock.

### Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not Applicable

### Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

LLC is a registered investment adviser. Colen is the controlling member of LLC. The Filers are filing this Schedule 13G/A jointly, but not as members of a group, and each of them expressly disclaims membership in a group. Each of the Filers also disclaims beneficial ownership of the Stock except to the extent of that Filer's pecuniary interest therein.

### Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

### Item 10. Certifications

(By LLC and Colen)

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

(By Katz)

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 07, 2012

Apex Capital, LLC

By: /s/ Sanford J. Colen

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Name: Sanford J. Colen  
Title: Manager

By: /s/ Sanford J. Colen  
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Sanford J. Colen

By: /s/ Daniel S. Katz  
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Daniel S. Katz

CUSIP No. 003881307

EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT FILING  
OF STATEMENT ON SCHEDULE 13D OR 13G

The undersigned agree to file jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") any and all statements on Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G/A (and any amendments or supplements thereto) required under section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in connection with purchases by the undersigned of securities of any issuer, until such time as the undersigned file with the SEC a statement terminating this Agreement Regarding Joint Filing of Statement on Schedule 13D or 13G/A. For that purpose, the undersigned hereby constitute and appoint Apex Capital, LLC, a California limited liability company, as their true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority for and on behalf of the undersigned to prepare or cause to be prepared, sign, file with the SEC and furnish to any other person all certificates, instruments, agreements and documents necessary to comply with section 13(d) and section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, in connection with said purchases, and to do and perform every act necessary and proper to be done incident to the exercise of the foregoing power, as fully as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, until such time as the undersigned file with the SEC a statement terminating this Agreement Regarding Joint Filing of Statement on Schedule 13D or 13G/A.

Dated: February 07, 2012

Apex Capital, LLC

By: /s/ Sanford J. Colen  
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Name: Sanford J. Colen  
Title: Manager

By: /s/ Sanford J. Colen  
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Sanford J. Colen

By: /s/ Daniel S. Katz  
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Daniel S. Katz