

GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
[ACTG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2018

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

520 NEWPORT CENTER DR., 12TH FLOOR

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | \$  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2018                           |  | P                              |   | 7,000   | A  | 3.631<br><u>(1)</u>                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/14/2018                           |  | P                              |   | 10,600  | A  | 3.631<br><u>(1)</u>                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 15,000  | I  |   |

Graziadio Family Trust dtd 11/13/75 <sup>(2)</sup>  
The George & Reva Graziadio Charitable

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)                              | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Common Stock                    |  |                                      |  |                                |   |  | Lead Annuity Trust <sup>(3)</sup><br>Marianna R. Graziadio (minor children) <sup>(4)</sup> |  |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |                                      |  |                                |   |  | George L. Graziadio IV (minor children) <sup>(5)</sup>                                     |  |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |                                      |  |                                |   |  | George and Reva Graziadio Foundation <sup>(6)</sup>  |  |  |
| Common Stock                    |  |                                      |  |                                |   |  | Owned by spouse  |  |  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRAZIADIO G LOUIS III  
520 NEWPORT CENTER DR. X  
12TH FLOOR  
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

## Signatures

G. Louis  
Graziadio, III 03/16/2018

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were purchased in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$3.575 to \$3.650, inclusive. Mr. Graziadio undertakes to provide to Acacia Research Corporation ("Issuer"), any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares purchased at each separate price within the range set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

(2) These shares are owned by the Graziadio Family Trust u/d/t 11/13/75 ("GFT"), an irrevocable trust established by Mr. Graziadio for the benefit of his children. Mr. Graziadio is neither a trustee nor a beneficiary of GFT and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by GFT.

(3) These shares are owned by the George & Reva Graziadio Charitable Lead Annuity Trust (the "Annuity Trust"), as to which Mr. Graziadio is trustee and Mr. Graziadio's minor children are contingent beneficiaries. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Annuity Trust.

(4) These shares are owned by Mr. Graziadio's minor child, Marianna R. Graziadio.

(5) These shares are owned by Mr. Graziadio's minor child, George L. Graziadio, IV.

(6) These shares are owned by the George and Reva Graziadio Foundation ("Foundation"), a charitable foundation established by Mr. Graziadio's parents, as to which Mr. Graziadio has no pecuniary interest. Mr. Graziadio is one of three directors of the Foundation and does not have the right to control disposition of these shares. Mr. Graziadio disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by the Foundation.

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