Hope you enjoy your rotation – here are some general tips for getting around and what to expect. Hope it helps!

**Living Accommodations:**

EWHA University offers private on-campus rooms at the Graduate Student dormitory (otherwise known as the GSB, International House, or I-HOUSE) for students at around $33/day with very comfortable amenities and free utilities, towels, and speedy wifi in the room. I was assigned a loft on the 7th floor and the room had a mini-fridge and bathroom with shower. There is a kitchen outside in every hallway.

EWHA University campus is about a 45 minute commute to Mokdong hospital. Right in front of EWHA University is a small district called E-dae (EWHA-dae), and it’s full of clothing and makeup shops and cafes. You can also get a Korean SIM card here if not at the airport (around $10-20 for 1-2GB data) at a KT (Olleh) or SKT store (these are the main Korean telecom servicers).

**Other possibilities:** Looking at AirBNBs around Seoul, it seems like it is possible to get around $20/day or sublet an apartment with a friend. I chose not to due to my short stay and lack of Korean language skills and knowledge of the city.

**Transportation to and from Airport (Incheon and Gimpo):**

EWHA University campus is located in Seodaemun-gu, which is about a 1 hour train ride (with 1 transfer), a 1-1.5 hour bus ride (direct), or 45 minute taxi from Incheon airport.

**Train (~2500 won):** For the Seoul metro (subway) way, take the “Airport Railroad” towards Seoul Station. Get off at Honggik University station, and transfer to the metro Line 2 (Green line) towards City Hall. EWHA University station is 2 stops (Honggik->Sinchon->EWHA). Total time: about 1 hour

You can download the Seoul metro app (Subway Korea) which is really useful in general!
Bus (~1200 won): You can take the 6002 or 6011 bus from Incheon Airport which stops directly in front of EWHA University station. You will need to tell the bus driver that is where you are stopping.

Taxi (~$55): There is an international taxi station with English language services at the Incheon arrivals ground transportation level. This is useful if you are in a rush, but Seoul traffic can be quite jammed during rush hour.

From EWHA University Station to Graduate Student dormitory/I-HOUSE:

If you choose to stay in the dorms, you will receive a pdf that shows you directions to get to the I-HOUSE office, but it can still be confusing! There are some Youtube videos online that actually record the way over to I-House if you are confused. When walking from the EWHA station towards EWHA campus, you will pass through a gate and a guard station to the main campus. The view should be as the photo below. Right before the steps in front of the large campus building, the road veers left – follow this road past the tall library on your left, and to your right are the Graduate Student dorms/I-House. There are signs that will direct you towards the Graduate student office! Just continue walking slightly past the walkway towards the Graduate student dorm entrances on your right, and you will encounter a door that leads to the basement office with signs.

From EWHA University to Mokdong Hospital:

There are two ways – bus and subway+shuttle. I found the subway+shuttle to be faster and rarely took the bus. The shuttle is a direct bus that leaves to/from Mokdong hospital and takes patients and staff directly to various subway stations and back.

Subway+Shuttle: Take the Green line from EWHA University station towards Sinchon (next stop)/Sindorim. You can actually get off at either Dangsan station or Yeongdeungpo-gu station at this
point – however, I found the Yeongdeungpo-gu station shuttle to be easier to access (Dangsan station is really big).

At Yeongdeungpo-gu station: Exit at Exit 1 as shown below. The bus/shuttle looks like what is shown below (the bottom right photo is actually in front of the hospital, not at Yeondeungpo-gu). The shuttle will take you to the stop as shown below in the bottom right, which is right in front of the hospital main entrance.

At Dangsan station: Exit at Exit 11, and the shuttle stop is towards the right at the bend.

The shuttle times are as below:
Bus: There is a bus stop for bus 603 past the main entrance of the hospital on the same side of the street (if you walk past the shuttle in the top right image above). Take a left past the gates and there is a bus stop there. The bus takes about 45 minutes and stops at a station right in front of EWHA, but you need to tell the bus driver (push the “stop” button on the bus).

Mokdong Hospital Medical Student Office:

On the first day, you will have to check-in with Ms. Jung at the first floor medical student office, and it’s a little hard to find! It isn’t located in the hospital or medical school, but it is connected. First, enter the hospital from the main entrance, and take the escalators up to the 2nd floor. Make a right towards the connecting bridge towards the outpatient building/medical student floors. At that building, take the elevator down to the 1st floor. Exit to leave the building, then make a direct left. You will see the entrance to the medical student office building as in the bottom left image. Enter and on your right you will see double doors next to the elevator as shown in the bottom right image – this is the medical student office.
The rotation:

**Locker:** You will get a locker on the 8th floor of the medical student/outpatient building that can hold all of your things (it’s person-sized) so feel free to bring anything you need to the hospital.

**OR:** The OR is on the 3rd floor of the main building, and can be accessed by the stairs near the Kidney/Dialysis center. You may need someone to swipe you in as medical students don’t get access to the OR.

**General tips:**

1) Everyone’s English is quite good, so finding staff who can help direct you on the first day is quite easy! The Korean medical students are all really friendly – I recommend downloading Kakao!

2) You will get the most of your rotation if you learn a little Korean beforehand (if you don’t already). The Korean alphabet is extremely intuitive and easy to learn.

3) It is proper etiquette to bow to your seniors (older students, attendings) and greet them (annyeong haseyo), although foreigners have a little leeway 😊

4) In Korea, short white coats are only worn by attendings (quite the reverse for us Americans)

5) Your team may want to take you out for dinner and drinks at night at some point during your rotation, or lunch/coffee, so don’t plan for too much on the weekdays at night 😊

6) There is food at morning conferences. Don’t eat breakfast that day!

7) There is a CU (CVS for you, general convenience store) in the hospital, as well as a fairly expensive café. However, the cheapest food is actually on the 8th floor student building, where there is a student convenience store right by your lockers. The food is really cheap and quite good! (Instant noodles, packaged onigiri, kimbap, rice lunches)